



Stockton to Host Intensive English Program For International Students

ELS Educational Services Center to Open on Campus This Summer

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will become a host site for the Intensive English program operated by ELS Educational Services later this year, enabling the college to reach more international students seeking to study for a degree in the United States.

ELS, located in Princeton and owned by Benesse, which also owns Berlitz, is the largest provider of on-campus English for academic purposes. It has an international recruitment network and operates more than 60 centers worldwide, including 50 on U.S. campuses.

Stockton Provost and Executive Vice President Harvey Kesselman said the importance of international students in U.S. classrooms cannot be overlooked in today's globalized economy.

"Across the world, colleges and universities view exposure to international education and experiences as an imperative to preparing students for an increasingly competitive global workforce," Dr. Kesselman said. "These students will enrich the Stockton community by sharing their perspectives, communicating across cultures and will have the opportunity to create lifelong friendships and career networks with our domestic students."

The international students admitted to the ELS program will study English until they reach a certain level of competency, at which point they will be eligible to matriculate into Stockton as full time, degree-seeking students. The program also helps them integrate into life on campus and in the United States.

Stockton's Center is slated to open on Aug. 25, 2014.

India Karavackas, director of Stockton's Office of International Services, said, "The global
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mobility of students is growing, with greater numbers studying abroad every year.

“By sending our students abroad and receiving international students into our classrooms, we are opening pathways for our students to learn about other cultures, societies and norms,” Karavackas continued. “The ability to communicate across cultures or speak a foreign language will serve them well in the workforce.”

Students are given three housing options arranged by the company: on campus, off-campus apartments or homestays with local families, Karavackas explained.

Since 1961, ELS Language Centers have helped more than 1.1 million international students from more than 175 countries learn English, “creating world citizens in the process,” according to a statement from the company. Outside the U.S., ELS centers are located in Kuwait, Malaysia, Panama, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

More than 650 colleges and universities worldwide accept completion of the ELS intensive English for Academic Purposes program as demonstration of English proficiency for their admission requirement, ELS stated.

For more information on ELS, go to ELS.edu

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