

Citizenship Preparation at Literacy for Life

*Naturalization policies, procedures, costs, etc., are subject to change. For current information, always check the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services website at **USCIS.gov**.*

USCIS offers regular **Naturalization Information Sessions**. All tutors & learners with an interest in the citizenship process are encouraged to attend. Register for an Information Session at <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/free-information-sessions>

USCIS has a YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/uscis>. The channel includes a helpful video of a sample [Naturalization Interview and Test](#).

Literacy for Life tutors help with the civics, literacy, and conversation skills required for success in the naturalization test and interview. Unless special waivers apply, citizenship candidates must demonstrate

- **U.S. History & Civics Knowledge:** Applicants answer oral questions during the interview. A question bank is available for preparation. (Applicants can succeed on this test by memorizing questions and answers—but we encourage everyone to strive for *understanding!*)
- **English Print Literacy:** Applicants must read aloud a sentence that is provided, and must write a sentence that is dictated. Word banks are available for preparation.
- **English Conversation Skills:** Applicants must be able to converse with the USCIS officer and answer questions about their application. Study materials contain examples of typical questions, but exact questions cannot be predicted. Applicants must develop their English conversation skills to an intermediate level in order to succeed in their interview.

Tutor Resources:

- USCIS Educational Products (printable study materials and lesson plans)
 - <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/resources-for-educational-programs/educational-products-for-educators-and-program-administrators>
- USCIS Teacher Trainings
 - <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/resources-for-educational-programs/register-for-training>
- Teacher guides that accompany curriculum materials

Study Resources:

- USCIS offers study materials: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/find-study-materials-and-resources>
- Curriculum materials and flashcards are available in the Literacy for Life library
- USA Learns offers a free online citizenship course. <https://www.usalearns.org/usa-learns-citizenship>
- Experienced Literacy for Life citizenship tutors provide practice interviews.

The USCIS Field Office offers appointments for in-person services when an applicant has needs that cannot be resolved by phone or email. The Williamsburg area is served by the Norfolk Field Office. Appointments are required. Call 800-375-5283 for an appointment.

Most applicants do not need an immigration attorney, but when a case is complicated, legal assistance might be required. Literacy for Life typically refers learners to Sharon Powell at www.powellimmigration.com.