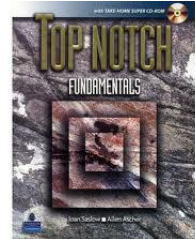


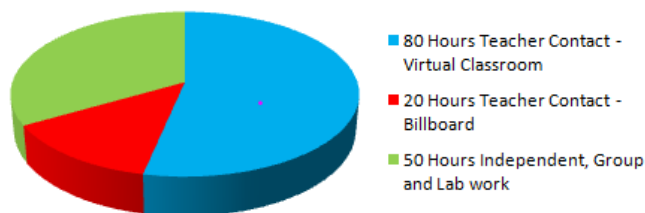
### **General English Course**

The Top Notch English program is a general English program designed to prepare students to interact successfully and confidently with both native and non-native speakers of English. It provides concise lessons, regular confirmation of progress, real language, practical content, memorable model conversations, a high-impact vocabulary syllabus, learner-supportive grammar and English as an international language.



### **Delivery of the Course**

#### **Teacher Contact Time - General English**



The course has three general venues. First, there are teacher-led online classes where teachers and students interact in traditional classroom fashion. Second, there is billboard communication in which students present their work not only to the teacher, but also to other students for peer review. Billboards also include specific exercises to show how lesson targets are being used.

Third, students work in group and lab-time to develop skills and bring back material to the online classroom and billboard.

### **Course Duration**

Courses are designed to be 150 hours of student work. Every course has at least 65% directly supervised work by the instructor and about 80% of this time (50% of the total course) is in an online classroom. Courses are designed in 10 modules of 15 hours each.

### **Certification of Instructors**

All instructors must meet the requirements of *Languages Canada*. This requires that they have a minimum of an undergraduate degree from a recognized institution in Canada, and a minimum of a TESOL certificate including 100 hours of theory and methodology training. This is the equivalent to the internationally recognized Cambridge Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (*CELTA*). Most of our instructors far exceed these requirements with years of teaching experience and credentials surpassing the *CELTA*.



### **Extension into Immersion**

The program allows students to take the online program first, and then follow up by coming to our Canadian campus to benefit from the immersion environment. Students can be assured that there will not be any conflict with curriculum, since Oxford Station uses a distinct curriculum built for the online environment.

### **Materials**

The main course text is the Top Notch and Summit Series from Pearson Longman. This series has a strong track record of developing all major skills in English, and is specifically skill based, not simply topic based. As well, it includes a specific sitcom produced for all beginner and intermediate levels, as well as pop songs for additional learning. The advanced levels include real television documentaries from the ABC (American Broadcasting Company) program *Nightline*.

