



1. What is the difference between TESOL and TESL?

TESOL = Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. This term is widely used in North America and is becoming the industry standard for EAL teacher education programs. It's also the name of a professional organization based in the U.S. for teachers.

TESL = Teaching English as a Second Language. This term refers to teaching English in a country where English is the native or official language.

2. What is the TESOL Certificate at Score Guides Academy?

Answer: The TESOL Certificate program equips new educators with essential skills for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) through six comprehensive courses: TESOL Basics, Lesson Planning, Teaching Language Sub-Skills, Teaching Listening & Reading Skills, Teaching Speaking & Writing Skills, and Assessment and Testing. This program covers key TESOL concepts, classroom management, lesson planning with technology, teaching vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and strategies for enhancing listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. It also examines methods of ESL assessment and the integration of digital tools and AI in the classroom. Emphasizing practical teaching experiences and technology integration, this program prepares educators to meet the diverse needs of ESL learners worldwide.

3. Why should candidates choose us to pursue their TESOL Certificate?

Answer: Candidates should choose Score Guides Academy because we are a leading center in developing TESOL programs for colleges and universities in Canada and abroad, ensuring high-quality education. Our strong connections with ESL institutions make it easier to arrange observation and practicum opportunities. We also assist in finding ESL teaching jobs in Vancouver by providing references and helping build your teaching portfolio.

4. What is the duration of the TESOL Certificate, and when does it typically start?

Answer: The TESOL program can be completed within two to six months, with new intakes starting at the **beginning of each month**.

5. What are the components of the TESOL Certificate program, and how are they conducted?

Answer: The TESOL Certificate program consists of three components: theoretical foundation, observation, and practicum. Students can complete the theoretical part online. For observation and practicum, arrangements can be made for both in-person and online teaching experiences. [More about our program.](#)

6. What are the main themes of the TESOL program?

Answer: The main themes of the program include Interactive Lesson Planning, Teaching Language Sub-Skills, Advanced Language Skills Development, Innovative Assessment Methods, and Integration of Technology and AI.

7. What courses are included in the TESOL Certificate program?

- TESOL 100: TESOL Basics
- TESOL 110: Lesson Planning
- TESOL 120: Teaching Language Sub-Skills
- TESOL 130: Teaching Listening & Reading Skills
- TESOL 140: Teaching Speaking & Writing Skills
- TESOL 150: Assessment and Testing

8. How much time do I need to study this program?

Answer: By dedicating 1 to 2 hours per day, you can complete the program in 2 to 3 months. Typically, it takes about three weeks to finish each course: one and a half to two weeks to read course content, watch video clips, and take notes, followed by one week to write and submit your assignment.

9. How many assignments are there, and are they difficult?

Answer: Each course includes only one final assignment, and the level is not too technical. You will receive support from your supervisor, who will guide you on how to improve your work and may provide sample assignments for reference. For more challenging assignments, such as lesson planning, your supervisor might return your work for revisions before resubmission.

10. How many professors will I work with?

Answer: You will be assigned one primary professor who will train and supervise you throughout the entire program, providing guidance and support. Additionally, there are auxiliary professors whose video lessons you will watch as part of the course content.

11. Who are the professors in the TESOL program?

Answer: All three of our instructors hold Ph.D. degrees in applied linguistics and education, with extensive experience in teaching EAP and ESL in both Canadian and international contexts. They actively facilitate teacher training, teach at universities, and contribute to the industry. Additionally, they all hold TESL Canada Standard Three certificates and are officially accredited by TESL as teacher trainers and practicum supervisors.

12. How do professors and students collaborate and interact in this program?

Answer: Professors and students collaborate using the Moodle platform, which provides access to course materials, assignments, submissions, feedback, grades, and more. In addition to Moodle, communication occurs via emails and forum discussions, allowing for continuous engagement and support. Each student can also have two or three video sessions on TEAMS (synchronous) with the professor to check their understanding or ask any questions.

13. What credentials will I attain through the program?

Answer: Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive a TESOL certificate from Score Guides Academy, which is recognized by TESL Canada as Standard One. If you hold a Bachelor's degree and complete the program, you will be eligible to apply for the TESL Canada Professional Certificate: Standard One. For more information about TESL Canada Professional Certification Standards, please visit: TESL Canada Certification. Please note that individuals without a Bachelor's degree are not eligible for any level of TESL Canada Federation National Professional Certification. However, you will still receive the TESOL certificate from Score Guides Academy upon program completion.

14. What is TESL Canada?

Answer: TESL Canada is a national organization committed to advancing communication and awareness in the field of English as a Second Language (ESL) and skills development. It advocates for EAL learners, connects teachers and learners through forums, supports knowledge sharing across the country, and represents diverse TESL needs both nationally and internationally. You can find a list of accredited colleges and universities with TESL Canada here. Here is the list of accredited colleges and universities with TESL Canada.

15. What are the advantages of holding TESL Canada certification?

Answer: According to the TESL Canada website, holding a National Professional Certification provides several benefits to educators. It validates TESL training and EAL teaching experience as key professional benchmarks for Canadian EAL educators. This certification also ensures that teaching credentials are recognized both nationally and internationally, enhancing credibility among international students evaluating faculty at Canadian post-secondary institutions and language schools. For more information, visit www.tesl.ca

16. Is TESL Canada certification only for Canadians?

Answer: No, TESL Canada certification is not limited to Canadians. Native English speakers from Canada, the USA, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa are eligible for certification. Non-native English speakers must achieve a valid proficiency score (such as TOEFL or IELTS) before applying for TESL Canada certification.

17. How does TESOL Certificate compare with CELTA?

Answer: The TESOL Certificate and CELTA are both respected ESL teaching qualifications, but our TESOL program offers several advantages. It includes 10 hours of practicum, more than CELTA's 6 hours, and focuses on teaching in North America, especially in Canada and the US, unlike CELTA's British approach. Additionally, our TESOL program is more affordable, making it a better choice overall.

18. What is the observation component like in the TESOL program?

Answer: The observation component consists of 10 hours, during which students observe both in-person and online classes (both asynchronous and synchronous). They are required to write reports based on their observations. This includes evaluating the supervising teacher's performance, analyzing recorded classes, and actively participating in synchronous online ESL classes while taking notes.

19. What is the practicum like in the TESOL program?

Answer: The program includes a 10-hour practicum, divided between group teaching and individual tutoring of an ESL student. The practicum can be completed either online or in-person with our partner colleges. According to TESL Canada guidelines, by the end of 2024, it will also be possible to complete the practicum entirely online. During the practicum, you'll engage in lesson preparation and receive valuable feedback from your sponsor teacher.

20. Is the practicum mandatory for certified teachers?

Answer: Yes, the practicum is a mandatory component of the program, and all students, including those who are already certified teachers, must complete it. Please note that the practicum must be conducted in an adult ESL classroom and does not include youth classrooms.

21. Do we offer credit transfer services for those with a background in education?

Answer: Yes, we offer credit transfer services. If you have a Bachelor's, MA, or PhD in applied linguistics, education, English, or a related field, you may be eligible to have 50 to 70 percent of the courses waived. You need to submit an application after your registration, and we will provide you with the results within 4 to 5 business days.

22. Can you assist me in finding employment as an ESL teacher?

Answer: Absolutely! We're committed to helping you secure employment as an ESL teacher. We provide guidance on crafting a strong resume and applying for jobs both locally and internationally. Teachers in this program also share tips for finding jobs in BC or online teaching opportunities. Additionally, a faculty member will assist you in building an online language teacher portfolio to enhance your resume for applications in Canada and abroad.

23. How does completing the TESOL Certificate program improve my professional networking?

Answer: Completing the TESOL Certificate program at Score Guides Academy enhances your networking by connecting you with volunteering and academic events, like BCTL or LINC workshops, and online professional development sessions. You'll also engage with other educators on our learning platform through forum discussions. Additionally, every six months, we host a gathering for graduates to celebrate successes and expand your professional network.

24. Where can I teach in Canada after completing this program?

Answer: After completing the program, you can teach in private schools in the Lower Mainland or with federally funded programs like LINC for immigrants, all of which require TESL Canada certification. Additionally, you can explore tutoring and volunteering opportunities in various settings where a Bachelor's degree is not required. TESOL graduates can pursue roles such as English Language Teacher, Online English Tutor, and Language School Administrator, with opportunities available both in Canada and internationally.

25. Can I teach abroad after this program?

Answer: Absolutely! Completing this comprehensive program will prepare you with the skills and confidence to teach or tutor abroad. While most reputable schools overseas typically require a Bachelor's degree along with a TESL certificate, it's important to note that requirements can vary by country and even by city. We recommend researching the specific requirements of the country where you wish to teach, and your instructors will provide guidance on this aspect during the TESL program.

26. Can I teach ESL in a BC elementary or high school after this program?

Answer: No, this program is specifically designed for teaching English to adult learners. If you are interested in obtaining certification for teaching in elementary or secondary schools, please refer to the BC Government's page on training and professional development for K-12 teachers for more information.

27. Do you offer specialized TESOL programs?

Answer: Yes, we do. At Score Guides Academy, we offer specialized TESOL programs that allow you to focus on particular areas of English teaching. These include **Teaching English to Young Learners (TEYL)**, **Teaching Business English Certificate (TEBC)**, and **Teaching English Learners with Special Needs (TELSN)**. By completing one of these programs, you can gain additional skills and credentials to specialize in your chosen area of English teaching. More info: <https://scoreguides.com/specialized-tesol/>

28. Do you offer practicum-only options (including for CELTA holders)?

Answer: Yes. We offer standalone supervised practicums designed for those who have already completed the theory component elsewhere and are now applying for TESL Canada certification but only need to complete the practicum. Options include a 20-Hour Practicum Program, a 50-Hour Practicum Program, and specialized pathways for CELTA holders.

More info: <https://scoreguides.com/practicum-placements/>

29. What other services does Score Guides Academy offer?

Answer: Score Guides Academy also develops TESOL programs for colleges and offers consultation services to institutions. Additionally, we assist colleges in developing Learning Management Systems (LMS) to enhance their educational offerings.

30. Who should I contact for more information?

Answer: For admission inquiries and additional information, please contact the TESOL Department Administrator, at admin@scoreguides.com. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions; we're here to help! www.scoreguides.com