



Vancouver Community College International Education

TESOL Certificate

Program Length:	4 weeks
No. of Credits:	12
Start Date:	February 27, April, July, October (2012), January (2013)
Location:	Downtown campus
Total Fees:	Approximately CAD\$2,500.00*

Description

The TESOL Certificate Program is designed for students wanting to teach English to adult speakers of other languages. The program of studies offers a balanced curriculum featuring both the theory and practice of teaching of English. This program examines the instructional methodology used for a communicative approach to listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, pronunciation and grammar. Additionally the program provides opportunities for micro-teaching, classroom observations, and practice teaching.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor Degree (Applicants with a university degree from a non-English-speaking country will be asked to provide an academic evaluation comparing their degree to equivalent Canadian credentials) **
- 1st Year University English with a minimum 'C+' or equivalent
- Applicants whose first language is other than English, who are presenting foreign documents, must achieve the following scores on one of the following English language proficiency tests:
 - ◇ A minimum score of 88 on the internet based TOEFL with no score lower than 22
 - ◇ A Band 6.5 or higher on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS – academic stream) with no band score less than 6.0 and a minimum score of 6.5 on the speaking and listening bands ***
 - ◇ A minimum score of 145/200 on the VCC English Language Assessment Test with minimum scores as follows: Listening: 27/30; Speaking: 27/30; Essay: 17/20; Reading: 50/70. The ELA score must be free of a pronunciation recommendation.

Note: All program information including tuition and other fees, course/program content, length, admission requirements, prerequisites, start/end dates, postponements and/or cancellation is subject to change without notice. Before applying, please kindly check with us at study@vcc.ca

Total Fees include: Application fee of \$125, Tuition fee of \$2,223.96, Ancillary fee of \$45, College initiative fee of \$26.88, Student union fee of \$24.11, U-PASS \$30

* Fee and other fees are approximate and subject to change due to yearly increases. Students will be required to pay increased rates if the fees change at any time during the period of enrolment in the program. The application fee is non-refundable.

** If you have foreign documents, an International Credential Evaluation Services (ICES) evaluation is required. For an evaluation application and current fee information, email at icesinfo@bcit.ca or call toll free 1.866.434.9197. For more information, please visit www.vcc.ca/programs-courses/detail.cfm?div_id=8&prog_id=212#admission_requirements

*** IELTS Academic Module and TOEFL iBT scores are valid at VCC for one year.

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Activities & Design

This intensive program has been designed to involve the student in a variety of learning environments and instructional delivery methods. The student will participate in lectures, demonstrations, group work, micro-teaching sessions and lesson presentations. There is a 20-hour supervised practicum.

Credential

Upon successful completion of the program, students receive the TESOL Certificate from Vancouver Community College.

This program is also recognized for national professional certification (Level 1) by the national ESL teachers association, TESL Canada.

Graduates of the TESOL Certificate can also apply to take the Cambridge University ESOL Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT).

To register, go to: <http://www.cambridgecentre.net/ca020/independent-candidates> And click "TKT". The test is \$250 for VCC students (regular Price \$300).

Evaluation

Students are required to participate in all in-class activities, do all assignments and write an examination. The final examination tests the instructional methodology and theory for teaching English to speakers of other languages. A passing grade of "C" in all assignments and the final examination is needed to successfully complete the program.

In addition, students must successfully complete the practicum assignments and receive a minimum grade of "C" in order to pass the practice teaching component of the program based on two TESOL certificate practicum evaluations which are submitted by the practicum sponsor teacher / supervisor.

Required Courses

(TESO 1274) Intensive TESOL Training

(TESO 1275) TESOL Practicum

