

THE TESOL COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION TO TESOL Course Information

Course Developer

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The **Introduction to TESOL** Certificate is an award of THE TESOL COLLEGE and is available globally from the UK as a distance learning course.

Introduction and Course Aim

This qualification is designed to give the holder a taste of the field of TESOL to the extent of being able to decide if they wish to take things further and enter the world of teaching English to speakers of other languages. The holder will also be able to knowledgeably survey job opportunities in TESOL and will be able to perform at an interview for a teaching post. However, a further and more comprehensive teaching qualification would be advisable to allow full competency in teaching English to speakers of other languages.

This Introduction to TESOL is useful for those considering entering the field, also for those already teaching English to native speakers but who are unfamiliar with the needs and challenges for teaching to speakers of other languages.

The course content ranges across TESOL with a global perspective, providing participants with confidence to consider their first TESOL teaching in a range of countries and environments.

The course provides the equivalent of Unit 1 in our **Diploma in TESOL**, allowing exemption from that unit for holders of this Introduction to TESOL Certificate.

Course Structure

The course is presented in seven sections:

- 1 **TESOL ESSENTIALS**
- 2 **THE NATURE OF LANGUAGE**
- 3 **LANGUAGE VARIETIES**
- 4 **LEARNERS AND COURSES**
- 5 **TEACHERS AND MANAGERS**
- 6 **LANGUAGE CENTRES**
- 7 **COURSE ORIGINATORS**

Entry Requirement

There are no formal academic entry requirements for this course. We expect it to appeal to a wide range of entrants with varying occupations, interests and qualifications. Participants should be aged 18 years or above.

Course Materials

The 37-page *Online Course Book* includes comprehensive course notes for the seven sections, with links to videos and other useful information. *Grammar Notes*, a 51-page resource, is included and is useful if you need help with understanding English grammar and its terminology.

Course Duration

A commitment of at least 30 hours is expected. You may prefer to spend more time thoroughly utilising the web resources linked to in the course notes, extending the time you spend up to 40-60 hours. Date of submission of the completed assignment tasks is to be within six months of the commencement date.

Course Fee

£ (GBP) 50.00 There is no VAT (GST) to add. The fee includes the course materials dispatched by email, online tutor support, the certificate and transcript and their dispatch by mail, and all administration costs.

Assessment

Assessment is by a written assignment comprising ten written tasks embedded within the sections. The Pass mark is 50%. There is one resubmission of the assignment allowed if a Pass is not achieved, at no charge.

Tutors

Tutors must have a minimum of a Certificate or Diploma in TESOL/TEFL of at least 100 hours duration, or a Certificate or Diploma in teacher teaching. In addition, the tutor will have a minimum of five years of teaching of English. Your tutor provides you with valuable comments on each of the ten tasks submitted, enhancing the value of the course.

Course tutors: Dr Alan Richardson based in the UK and Ms Evelyn Hirst based in Canada.

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