

# THE TESOL COLLEGE

## CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING OBSERVATION Course Information

### Course Developer

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This Certificate in Teaching Observation is delivered by THE TESOL COLLEGE from the UK as a distance course and may be delivered outside the UK in the classroom mode by partner schools.

### Introduction

This short course is designed to test the ability of a trainee or holder of a pre-service TESOL/TEFL qualification or a practising teacher of English to bring their knowledge and skills together in observing and assessing teaching. Issues within the observed teaching are raised and the candidates for this award are required to comment on these issues, reflecting and writing from what they are learning or have learnt of TESOL theory, methodologies, techniques and language awareness. Candidates are encouraged to bring their own knowledge, skills and experiences to bear.

The award provides a useful addition to a TESOL/TEFL qualification that has leaned more towards theory than observed classroom practice.

Our Certificate in Teaching Observation holders have a wide spread of nationalities, being from America, Australia, Britain, Singapore, Brazil, China, India, Bangladesh, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Italy, the Philippines, Iran, Mongolia and Vietnam.

### Course Aim

The aim of the course is to allow trainees or holders of TESOL/TEFL English teaching qualifications or practising English teachers to demonstrate their ability to observe teaching from an informed standpoint, commenting on a wide range of issues from the theory and practice of English language teaching.

### Entry Requirement

Entrants will be completing or will have completed a Diploma in TESOL/TEFL, Certificate in TESOL/TEFL, CELTA or similar course OR will be a practising teacher with a minimum of two years English teaching experience.

### Course Structure, Materials and Assessment

This Certificate is awarded with five successful teaching observations of videos of parts of lessons, as written up in a Teaching Observation Journal provided for the course. The Teaching Observation

Journal entries are marked by THE TESOL COLLEGE.

Assessment is from the written assignment. The Pass mark is 50%. A failed set of observations may be resubmitted by you once at no extra fee.

A transcript is provided with the certificate.

The video material is obtainable on the DVD accompanying the book *Practice of English Language Teaching*, Fourth Edition, by Jeremy Harmer, Publisher: Pearson Longman, ISBN: 978-1-4058-5311-8.

### Tutors

The classroom option has tutor support in the partner school. Classroom option tutors must be approved by THE TESOL COLLEGE.

In the distance option, participants may choose not to have tutor support or to have an online tutor.

All 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.

Distance option tutors: Dr Alan Richardson based in the UK, Ms Evelyn Hirst based in Canada.

### Course Duration

A commitment of at least 20 hours is expected. Maximum completion dates and dates of submission of the completed teaching observation journal are within six months of the commencement date for the distance option and are by arrangement with the partner school for the classroom option.

### Course Fee

#### Distance Option

THE TESOL COLLEGE sets the following fees for distance study.  
£ (GBP) 80.00                      There is no VAT (GST) to add

#### Classroom Option

The fee level is set by the partner school.

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