

Cedarville University

The TESOL Certificate Program

Program Requirements and Course descriptions

The TESOL certificate program is a practical, hands-on training that give you the background and skills needed to become a confident, creative, and effective ESL/EFL teacher. The program is 16 semester hours. The courses you will need are offered throughout the regular academic year.

The TESOL Certificate

The TESOL certificate is designed for these individuals:

- Those who are interested in learning the methods and developing skills for ESL teaching.
- Current ESL classroom teachers who have had no formal ESL training.
- Current elementary or secondary teachers who wish to learn techniques and gain understanding of the second language learning process to better work with limited English proficient (LEP) students in their classrooms.
- Those seeking employment opportunities abroad and/or in adult literacy programs in the US.
- Those seeking ministry opportunities both in the US and abroad.
- Education majors who are working toward TESOL endorsement.

The Cedarville TESOL certificate provides a valuable credential for those seeking employment in these areas:

- private schools
- private language institutes
- US government
- business
- mission agencies

Requirements for the TESOL certificate:

- Enrollment as a Cedarville University student.
- Minimum TOEFL score of 600 on paper exam or 250 on the computer exam for international students.
- A 3.0 or better average for the courses (except for the Practicum).
- Successful completion of all required courses which includes completion of all reading and homework assignments, projects, presentations, and examinations where applicable.
- The practicum may be completed outside of the Cedarville area if the experience is analogous to a classroom situation and if the student is supervised and evaluated by a qualified ESL teacher.
- Previous teaching experience is not required.

Transfer credit:

- You may receive credit for up to 6 semester hours taken at another accredited college or university.
- All transfer credit is individually evaluated and granted at the discretion of the TESOL program.
- Academic credit is not given for work in the field unless it is part of an approved program.
- Course credit is not given retroactively.

How to Apply

- Online applications are accepted at the Cedarville University website at www.cedarville.edu/admissions or phone 1-800-Cedarville for an application form.
- A nonrefundable application fee of \$30 (US check or money order--no cash) applies. College transcripts (or high school if no college courses have been taken) are required. International students, please include a copy of your TOEFL score record.

Cost

- The cost per semester credit for the 2006-2007 school year is \$575.
- Financial aid is available.

Graduate credit: None

Required Curriculum

COM-2140 Intercultural Communications 2 sem.hrs.

Survey of American cultural narratives reveals assumptions that, unconsciously or uncritically affirmed, often cause intercultural misunderstanding. Three models of culture and communication provide paradigms for understanding, managing, and problem-solving the intercultural encounter.

ENG-3070 Advanced Grammar 3 sem. hrs.

Review of standard grammar with emphasis on current teaching methods of grammatical analysis.

LING-3080 Linguistics for Language Learning 3 sem.

An analytical approach of language functioning applicable to second (new) language learning. Using theoretical-based approaches, the emphasis is on English language variations, phonology, morphology, and syntax.

LING-3090 Sociolinguistics 3 sem hrs.

An overview of the relationships between language and society. Topics include ethnicity, culture, social contact and change.

LING-3700 Teaching Foreign Language 2 sem hrs.

Examination of the purposes and objectives along with the methods used in the secondary level foreign language classroom.

LING-3710 TESOL Practicum for Non-education Majors 2 sem hrs.

Practice teaching of ESL under general supervision of master teacher. This course is designed for non-education majors who are completing TESOL minor/certificate requirements. Credit/no credit. (Course fee \$45) *Prerequisite: LING-3700) Teaching Foreign Language.*