Teach English as a Second Language

Toronto District School Board

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Why choose TESL at TDSB?

Learn theories and methods for teaching English as a Second Language. Our program provides new approaches and practical activities, designed to build your confidence and prepare you for the classroom.

- Our program is TESL Ontario approved and certified.
- As Canada’s largest ESL provider, we have the expertise, experience and knowledge of established best practices in addition to a thorough understanding of new approaches such as the ministry mandated portfolio-based language assessment process (PBLA).
- Gain classroom experience through a customized practicum placement, with current learners in our ESL program, throughout the year.
- Receive a Toronto District School Board TESL certificate, which is required for accreditation by TESL Ontario, upon successful completion of the program.

In this program you will:

- Enhance your career opportunities.
- Learn to implement teaching methods tailored for English language learners.
- Increase your understanding of pedagogical issues.
- Explore theoretical approaches in an ESL context.
- Develop teaching strategies to help students gain proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, listening and pronunciation.

Admission Criteria

- University degree
- Proof of English language proficiency is required for non-native speakers
- No previous teaching experience required

Program Fees

- Tuition for 2018-19 is $3,900 including HST. This includes all required course texts and materials. Payment may be made by credit/debit card, certified cheque, or bank draft.
- Course fees are tax deductible.
- Tuition fees will be refunded to students who withdraw before the first class. However, a $100 non-refundable processing fee applies.
**Sahar Niaz**

“Being a wife and mother to a toddler while in transition of immigrating to Canada made returning to school seem more like a dream than anything else. But I knew I had to. Only one course stood out for me: the TESL program from the TDSB. It provided a convenient school schedule and I met nothing but professionalism and a top rate, approachable faculty who know how to empower students towards success and equip them with knowledge and experience. Last but not least, I made great friends! It was more than a school; it was a family. I wouldn’t hesitate to recommend the TESL program from the TDSB to anyone!”

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**Bill Smith**

“I am an English teacher with over a decade of experience teaching ESL, and so I thought this program would be mostly review for me. While there was a bit of review, I was impressed by the breadth of knowledge that the curriculum contained. Of course, there were many aspects of the program which were designed to introduce new prospective ESL teachers to the field of ESL education; however, the program simultaneously incorporated more advanced features of ESL education as well. Specifically, I found that there was a detailed focus on the more nuanced aspects of how pronunciation works and how to teach pronunciation. Additionally, although I have been teaching grammar for years, the grammar component had some more advanced components which highlighted a few blind spots that I had regarding grammar. All in all, I would say that this program is well designed for both new and experienced teachers of ESL”.

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**Hours & Dates**

270 hours in-class instruction and 50 hours of teaching practicum arranged by TDSB to accommodate your schedule (i.e. daytime, evening or weekend)

Course Dates: September 25th, 2018 to June 14th, 2019.

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-9:30 PM and alternate Saturdays: 9 AM – 1 PM

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**Apply Today**

Visit [www.tdsbTESL.ca](http://www.tdsbTESL.ca) to download the registration form and mail/fax to:

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Resume must be submitted with application. All eligible applicants will be interviewed.
Why get certified?

TESL Ontario accreditation enables you to teach English as a Second Language to adult learners in publicly funded language programs – such as those offered through school boards and community agencies - in addition to privately run programs.

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