

Help English language learners cross barriers.

The online Graduate Certificate in TESOL

The [online graduate certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages \(TESOL\)](#) from the KU School of Education is designed for those with prior teaching experience who are seeking an opportunity to build on and expand their prior knowledge about teaching English language learners. It invites you to explore contemporary standards and best practices for TESOL and provides tools and insights that you can immediately put into practice in your classroom or other educational role.

Program Structure

- 5 courses
- 15 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 10 months

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Personal statement that indicates your specific interest in the program and how it relates to your career goals
- Application fee: \$30
- [Proof of English proficiency](#) (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty with extensively published research and diverse real-world experience
- Practical approaches grounded in pedagogical theory that can be applied directly to your own teaching
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our [innovative online format](#)
- Create a working instructional portfolio that can be directly applied in your own classroom
- No GRE required for admission
- Accredited under NCATE standards through CAEP

The Curriculum

C&T 807: Multicultural Education

C&T 820: Methods of TESOL

C&T 821: Assessment in TESOL

C&T 822: Second Language Acquisition for TESOL Educators

C&T 826: Linguistic Analysis for TESOL Educators

What You'll Learn

In the online graduate certificate in TESOL program, you'll explore the theories and foundations of second language acquisition and focus on developing the skills and knowledge you need to teach and support English language learners. This program requires the completion of field experiences in the classroom.

Career Outcomes

Educators who do not specialize in TESOL but wish to better serve students of all levels of English language mastery in their classrooms will gain the cultural awareness and learn the pedagogical theories to help students across the language barrier. This can improve the educational experience for students not just in their TESOL-focused classes but also in other classrooms, where a language barrier can be a frustrating impediment to desired learning outcomes. The skills and knowledge you'll develop in the online graduate certificate in TESOL program can be an asset at any school with a growing population of English language learners.

This credential can demonstrate to current or prospective employers that you are dedicated to being the best instructor you can be.

Note: In order to enroll in this program, a bachelor's degree is required. No program can guarantee licensure. It is each student's responsibility to determine the licensure requirements in his or her state and to apply for the licenses or endorsements necessary to his or her career goals. Our department staff and Licensure Officer can provide individual support during the application process to help you understand your state's requirements.