

TESOL Student Introduction

Welcome! We look forward to educating you on what it takes to become a teacher of English to non-native speakers – better known as ESL, English as a Second Language.

Kennesaw State University's College of Continuing and Professional Education (CCPE) has an excellent reputation in the field for awarding certificates to qualified students. In order to maintain this reputation, we have to ensure that students in the TESOL program are qualified in the subject matter they are going to teach.

First Steps: Assessment

Each prospective student must take the TESOL Grammar Assessment Test. This test has been designed by our ESL instructors, and reviewed by our TESOL instructors to determine that you have the basic knowledge required of ESL instructors. The TESOL Grammar Assessment Test can be found by visiting the main web page on the CCPE website: <http://www.ccpe.kennesaw.edu/tesol>

Prerequisites:

Access to the internet and an email account are necessary for these classes. If you do not have strong presentation skills we recommend taking a Speaking course or PowerPoint. If your grammar skills need a brush-up, we suggest our Intensive Grammar Review course.

Scoring:

A minimum score of 86 is recommended for enrollment. It is our goal to ensure that you are prepared academically with sufficient knowledge of English Grammar in order to instruct the subject.

Application:

The test is immediately followed by an Application process. Please complete the application, regardless of your score on the assessment. Once you have registered in the Moodle system to take the test, your application completes the process so that we may allow you to complete the test again, if you should not pass on the first attempt.

Improving your Grammar Assessment Score:

We offer an Intensive Grammar Review course. If you pass this course with a score of 90 or better, you may enter the TESOL program. If you score below a 90, or take another remedial course elsewhere, you may retest, prior to the next available session.

What are classes like?

All courses in the certificate program meet for six (6) Saturdays; usually consecutive weekends. Some content is delivered in hybrid form, via online. Participation is usually a culturally diverse group of students that work side by side on projects and presentations.

HOURS: Currently classes are meeting 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

You are approved for the TESOL program, now what?

Review the courses and syllabus on the Moodle site for each course. Our certificate has three component courses that you must pass with a grade of 80% or higher. We also must meet attendance standards of 80% of instructional hours. Some content is hybrid.

We have designed the program in such a way that you may pay as you go for each individual course, instead of the entire program at once. However, you must take the courses in a set order:

1) TESOL - Elements of Linguistics and Language Acquisition (QLAN3106A)

2) TESOL) – Issues of Culture and Language (QLAN3108A)

3) TESOL - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL (QLAN3107A)

Early registration for existing students.

We allow currently enrolled students priority registration for courses prior to new students, so be sure to take advantage of the early registration date to ensure your place in class.

If you take the courses in non-consecutive sessions, we cannot guarantee that there will be an open class for you.

Textbooks

Books can be purchased at the KSU Center Bookstore. We do not recommend you purchase your book in advance, unless you intend to take all the courses. On occasion, we will reverse the order of classes, due to enrollment levels. You may purchase your textbooks after the registration deadline has occurred.

HOURS at KSU Center Bookstore: Mon-Thurs, 4 pm-8 pm; Sat, 8:30-11:30 am.

TESOL Elements of Linguistics and Language Acquisition:

“An Introduction to Language” Author: Fromkin, Rodman, Hyams, Publisher: Thomson, 9th Edition, ISBN: 978-1-4282-6392-5.

TESOL - Issues of Culture and Language:

“Experiencing Intercultural Communication” Author: Martin, Publisher: McGraw-Hill, 4th edition, ISBN: 978-0-0434-0668-8.

TESOL - Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL

“50 Strategies For Teaching English Language Learners (w/DVD)” Author: Herrell & Jordan, Publisher: Pearson Longman, 4th edition, ISBN: 978-0-13-248750-4.

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Benefits of the KSU TESOL Certificate program:

When you graduate with our certificate, you are eligible to teach English in the United States and abroad. Many organizations look for the TESOL Certificate to ensure qualified instructors for their programs (as we do). Though Georgia is a state that requires a Certification in Education with a Bachelor's degree, many states will accept the TESOL certificate alone. Abroad, it is widely recognized, particularly when your certificate comes from a U.S. university.

Though we don't offer career counseling, within our courses, instructors will provide guidance on the opportunities that are available to you. Occasionally we are asked to recommend recent graduates to community and church programs. If you would like to be considered for this, please let our office know with an email to languages@kennesaw.edu.

Other advantages include:

- Instructors who have a minimum Masters level education in a related field, TESOL Certified, and experience teaching ESL to adults.
- Field experience with the opportunity to work one-on-one with adult ESL students onsite through the study hall center.
- Additional lesson preparation and practice presenting lessons to ESL instructors for feedback.
- Rigorous standards that set our program above others in demanding excellence.

How do I register?

You can register in person at the Registration window at KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144 (next to BrandSmart), or by phone to 770-423-6765.

HOURS: Mon-Thurs, 8 am-8 pm; Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm; Saturday, 8:30 am-11:30 am. If you have completed the test and application, you may also go to the website and choose the online option: www.ccpe.kennesaw.edu/tesol. Choose the method that is most convenient to you!

Directions to KSU Center:

- Take I-75 north to exit 271 (Chastain Rd.)
- Turn east on to Chastain Rd (right)
- Turn right again onto Busbee Dr.
- Turn right at 2nd driveway of KSU Center, nearest the electronic sign.
- You will see our logo above the south entrance, near BrandSmart.

Thank you for considering our TESOL Certificate program.