

Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language with practicum

Brief Program Description

This program provides pedagogical theory, teaching methodology, strategies and practical approaches to developing the skills and knowledge base candidates require to become effective English language teachers. Candidates are given the opportunity to show application of methodology and skills in a real teaching and learning environment.

**Career Occupation*
(if applicable)**

*ESL teacher , ESL tutor
(NOC LIST 4021, 4031)*

Admission Requirements

DOMESTIC

Applicants who are native speakers of English must:

Graduate with a Grade 12 Diploma and pass VGC admission interview process for this teacher training program.

INTERNATIONAL

Applicants who are non-native speakers of English must:

Graduate from Grade 12 or equivalent and have a band score of IELTS 7 or TOEFL 100 or equivalent and pass the VGC admission interview process.

Learning Objectives*

Upon completion of this program the successful student will have reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- *plan a series of ESL lessons that cover different skills and systems for learners at different levels*
- *competently deliver the lessons they have planned to a class of ESL learners*
- *provide and receive meaningful feedback to and from peers*
- *to reflect on one's own learning and teaching and to act on feedback and demonstrate improvement*
- *successfully complete all required assignments*

Method(s) of Evaluation*

- *Observation Tasks and Reports*
- *Mini Presentations*
- *Midterm Test*
- *Final Test*

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Completion Requirements*

Students must complete all assignments and tests on time to the minimum standard (75%), must meet the attendance requirements.

90% attendance (all modules of the course are equally important and attendance at each session is mandatory. However, exceptions may be made in certain circumstances)

Program Duration

130 hours/5 weeks

Homework Hours

Candidates can expect daily homework

Delivery Method(s)

Indicate how the program is delivered

In-class instruction

Distance education

Combined delivery (both in-class and distance)

Required course materials

Scrivener, Jim. Learning Teaching: the essential guide to English language teaching (3rd edition). Macmillan, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-230-72984-1

Supplementary Course Materials:

*Swan, Michael. Practical English Usage. (3rd edition) OUP, 2005
ISBN: 978-0-19-442098-3*

Fourth Edition

How Languages are Learned

Oxford Handbooks for Language Teachers

Patsy M. Lightbown & Nina Spada

ISBN 978-0-19-454126-8

Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching (3rd Edition)

Larsen-Freeman, Diane and Marti Anderson

OUP 2011

ISBN 978-0-19-442360-1

Students must purchase the required textbook for the duration of the course, but are under no obligation to purchase these from VGC International College.

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Program Organization*

Name of Course/Module	# of Hours
1. Learning and teaching: background and theory	10
2. Practical methodology: teaching skills and systems	50
3. Language awareness	15
4. Lesson planning and objectives	20
5. Observations	10
6. Practicum	25
Total Program Hours	130

Program Assessment Breakdown

Assessment	Details	Total Marks
Observation tasks and reports x6	2 blocks every Tuesday, starting week 2	5% each – Total 30%
Mini Presentations x4	Every Thursday	10% each – Total 40%
Mid Term Test	Week 2	15%
Final Test	Week 4	15%

Practicum Breakdown

- All diploma students must complete a 20 hour practicum. This will include observation, team teaching and independent teaching.
- There will be a minimum of 3 observed lessons:
 - 1 unassessed lesson, observed and written up by practicum teacher
 - 1 assessed lesson, observed, assessed and written up by practicum teacher
 - 1 assessed lesson, observed, assessed and written up by practicum supervisor
- Both assessed lessons must be awarded a pass in order to successfully complete the diploma.