

TESL

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Teaching English as a Second Language

Certificate

4
WEEKS

Diploma

5
WEEKS



CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA

VGC's **TESL Teacher Training Program** prepares students with the skills they will need to become an effective English language teacher locally or abroad:

- **Learn pedagogical theory** and create ESL lessons for different student levels
- **Build an approach to teaching** based on the latest methodologies and strategies
- Receive instruction from experienced and **certified TESOL program teachers**

No matter where you decide to teach, VGC's TESL Teacher Training Program will get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime and a rewarding and versatile career you will love!

i PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Friday

8:45am to 3:25pm

*Class start and end times may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

L DURATION

Certificate:

4 weeks in length - 105 hours in total

Diploma:

5 weeks in length (Final week in-class Practicum) - 130 hours in total

TESOL, TEFL, TESL?

Confused which one to take? These programs are essentially the same and you will receive the same set of instructions and learn the same skills. The difference in the names relate to where you're taking the program:

- **TESOL** - Teaching English to **S**peakers of **O**ther **L**anguages, is the general name for the field of teaching the English language
- **TESL** - Teaching English as a **S**econd **L**anguage, teaching programs that run in English-speaking countries
- **TEFL** - Teaching English as a **F**oreign **L**anguage, teaching programs that run in countries where English is not the primary language

VGC offers students the choice of either a TESL certificate or diploma program:

- **Certificate** - lets students teach English abroad
- **Diploma** - lets students teach English in Canada

Although a University degree is not a prerequisite for this program, it most likely will be a prerequisite for finding a teaching job.



COURSE OVERVIEW

The course consists of the following components:

- Learning and Teaching: Background and Theory
- Practical Methodology: Teaching Skills and Systems
- Language Awareness
- Lesson Planning and Objectives
- Observations
- Practicum (Diploma students only, 5th week)

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 (Diploma only)
- **Provide and receive meaningful feedback** to and from peers
- **Reflect on one's own learning and teaching**, act on feedback and demonstrate improvement



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

DOMESTIC

Applicants who are native speakers of English must complete high school and pass an admissions interview.

INTERNATIONAL

Certificate:

Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older. Reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic) or TOEFL 70 or equivalent or achieve a VGC Level 6 Upper Intermediate or pass the VGC placement test and pass an admissions interview.

Diploma:

Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older. Reach an IELTS 7 (academic) or TOEFL 100 or equivalent or achieve a VGC Level 8 Upper Advanced or pass the VGC placement test and pass an admissions interview.



START DATES

Please refer to vgc.ca/start-dates for an overview.

Please contact marketing@vgc.ca for fees.