



The Trinity CertTESOL: Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

The Trinity College London Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL) is a Level 5* initial teaching qualification designed to equip new and developing practitioners with the basic knowledge and skills they need for teaching English language.

The Trinity CertTESOL provides an introduction to the theory and practice of contemporary English language teaching and an insight into the challenges facing learners and teachers.

Improve career prospects

The CertTESOL is suitable for aspiring teachers from any background who are attracted to the English language teaching profession. Choosing a career in TESOL offers teachers opportunities to work at home and internationally and to experience life in different cultures.

The Trinity CertTESOL is accepted by the British Council and other international teaching organisations around the world as an initial English language teaching certificate.

Key features

- ▶ **Flexible course delivery**
Full time, part-time, or blended study options, depending on course provider
- ▶ **200 hours' total qualification time**
130 hours' guided learning (minimum) plus 70 hours' self-study
- ▶ **Essential TESOL knowledge and skills**
Courses cover a comprehensive introduction to contemporary theory and practical application in the classroom, with an emphasis on professional awareness and development
- ▶ **Trinity validated course providers**
Trinity TESOL courses are available through over 150 validated course providers around the world – find details on our website

Five assessment units

- ▶ **Unit 1:** Teaching skills
- ▶ **Unit 2:** Language awareness & skills
- ▶ **Unit 3:** The learner profile
- ▶ **Unit 4:** The materials assignment
- ▶ **Unit 5:** The unknown language

Trainees complete a course of study with a Trinity validated course provider. They also undertake at least six hours of observed teaching practice with real learners and produce reflective written assignments for assessment. Read more about the assessment units overleaf.

Full details of course content and assessment criteria can be found in the CertTESOL specifications.

Trinity's teaching qualifications are among
the most widely recognised and
respected in their field

* Level 5 on Ofqual's Register of Regulated Qualifications (RQF)

Assessment summary

Unit 1: Teaching skills	This unit covers the practical skill of teaching and includes observations where course participants watch experienced teachers, plus six hours where they are observed teaching. Featuring feedback and reflection, the unit gives new teachers both teaching knowledge and practical classroom experience.
Unit 2: Language awareness & skills	This unit builds knowledge of language itself, including lexis, grammar, phonology and discourse. The unit also looks at assessment of language skills and the different varieties of English around the world.
Unit 3: Learner profile	This unit covers one-to-one teaching and assessment and involves diagnosis of a real learners' needs. Course participants then plan learning to help learners in their areas of need.
Unit 4: Materials assignment	Unit 4 looks at classroom materials and supports teachers' ability to use, adapt, produce and evaluate materials in a classroom setting.
Unit 5: Unknown language	This unit covers what it's like to learn a new language, putting course participants in the place of learners. This helps them build empathy with learners and also demonstrates effective teaching techniques.

Entrants for CertTESOL courses must have qualifications and/or experience that would allow entrance to higher education, with minimum English language proficiency of CEFR level C1 or above.

The Trinity TESOL qualification suite

Trinity's TESOL qualifications are designed to support teachers throughout their careers – from early practitioner to experienced professional.

The Trinity CertTESOL is listed at Level 5 on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications in the UK. Other Trinity TESOL qualifications are the Teaching Young Learners Extension Certificate (TYLEC), the Certificate for Practising Teachers (CertPT) (Level 6) and the DipTESOL (Level 7).

Qualification	RQF & EQF level*	Guided learning hours (GLH)**	Total qualification time (TQT)	Focus of pedagogical knowledge and skills
CertTESOL	Level 5	130	200	Essential TESOL
TYLEC	–	58	100	Specialist young learner TESOL
CertPT	Level 6	30	100	Specialist TESOL professional development
DipTESOL	Level 7	150	600	Advanced TESOL

Support for training providers

CertTESOL courses are available through Trinity validated course providers – find full details of course content and course validation requirements on our website.

We provide support for course providers to help them set up and deliver Trinity qualifications, together with training and resources for teachers and learning centres.

Trinity also runs regular CPD workshops on different aspects of English language teaching and ESOL assessment literacy – visit trinitycollege.com/language-events to find out more.

Find out more

Visit our website to:

- ▶ Learn more about CertTESOL
- ▶ Find out about current availability
- ▶ Download guidance documents
- ▶ Apply to become a course provider

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* RQF = Ofqual's Regulated Qualifications Framework, EQF = European Qualifications Framework ** minimum time