

# TESOL\* Certificate Program

## Learn to Teach English at Westchester Community College

### Admission Requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent is generally required.
- Advanced level of English proficiency. Assessment may be required for non-native speakers.
- I-20 available to international students

### Certification Requirements:

- Satisfactory completion of all course work and supervised teaching.
- Satisfactory completion of program portfolio.
- Students are allowed a maximum of 3 absences in the program for certificate eligibility.

### Tuition:

\$1,998.75  
(residency NOT required; FSA & registration fee included).

Books: approx. \$185  
(not included in tuition)

### Contact:

Claudia Carco  
TESOL Certificate Program  
Coordinator  
Office: 914-606-7743  
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### The Program at a glance:

1. 12-week long program, offered 3 times a year: spring, summer & fall
2. Classes meet virtually Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 to 10:00 pm
3. 126 hours of online classroom instruction + 30 hours of online class observations and mentored practice teaching
4. The program consists of **three** required modules and a **Teaching Practicum**, which includes an additional 12 hours of online classroom observations and 18 hours of online supervised teaching practice.

Module 1: English Language: Sounds and Structure.

Module 2: The Classroom Experience.

Module 3: Principles of Language Learning and Teaching.

5. Participants will learn to:
  - i) Lead student-centered classes
  - ii) Use a variety of materials and techniques
  - iii) Effectively manage classes for adult learners
  - iv) Plan dynamic lessons in areas of grammar, conversation, reading and writing
  - v) Assess language proficiency

**SPRING 2021:** January 20—April 12.\*

*\*Spring 2021 classes will be offered ONLINE in live, synchronous classes. The classroom observations and student-teaching practicum will also be fulfilled remotely.*



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All applicants should:

- ◆ Fill out an application available at <http://www.sunywcc.edu/continuing-ed/esl/tesol-certificate-program>
- ◆ submit a current CV or resume
- ◆ submit copies of college transcripts/degrees
- ◆ submit a 500-word essay on: "Your Interest in Teaching English as a Second Language".

Email your application packet to:

**Claudia Carco, TESOL Certificate Program Coordinator at  
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*"The program provided a deep and thorough understanding of what it takes to become an effective teacher of ESL. (...) It was an intensive program as we had to work hard to assimilate and practice (in real classrooms with real students) all that we learned. One of the key aspects of the program is the support we received and to this day continue to receive from everyone involved with the program; it is a tightly knit community of people who take pride in the success of others."*

Steve S.  
Spring 2015 grad

*"I found WCC's TESOL Certificate Program both enlightening and enjoyable. (...) I learned so much about teaching theory, methods and practical applications, that my confidence was enhanced and I felt so well-prepared to help guide my students through their 'English Journey.'"*

Tom N.  
Spring 2014 grad

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FAQs:

1. **Do I need a college degree to enroll in the TESOL Certificate Program at WCC?** Most applicants have undergraduate and graduate degrees; however, our decisions are made on a case by case basis.
2. **Who is the program for?** For those who will pursue employment in the field of TESL/TEFL in adult or college programs, in the not-for-profit or proprietary sectors in the USA or abroad. The program is also suitable for those with some teaching experience but no formal training in TESOL, or for teachers who wish to advance their knowledge of ESL methodologies and technology. Due to significant differences in TESOL for adults and children, numerous experienced teachers with K-12 certification have taken the program.
3. **How long is the program?** The program is 12 weeks long. We run three semesters a year: spring (Jan.-Apr), summer (May-Aug) and fall (Sept-Dec).
4. **When and where will the observations and teaching practicum take place?** The observations will take place remotely at WCC ELI's classes. Upon registering, students will have different schedule options to choose from: weekday mornings, Tuesday evenings, Saturday or Sunday mornings.
5. **Where can I teach with a TESOL Certificate?** In most adult ESL/ESOL program in two or four-year colleges, community-based organizations, libraries, in the not-for-profit or proprietary sectors in the US and abroad. Many of our graduates have been hired by WCC's own English Language Institute which annually serves over 4,000 English language learners .
6. **Can I teach in public schools in the US?** No, this program is not oriented towards teaching children nor towards the public school setting and will not satisfy K-12 certification requirements.
7. **Why is this program better than others?** The program's unique model combines theory and practice and provides students with hands on, authentic classroom practice by having them teach in the ELI's ESL program, which was established in 1988 and is the largest in the entire SUNY system. The program's mentored teaching, its affordability and length, and the student support throughout the semester and beyond are just but a few of the strengths of our program!



\*Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages