

# Graduate Certificate: English Language Teaching

---

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Learn more about the graduate certificate in English Language Teaching.

### About the Certificate

The graduate certificate in English Language Teaching equips students with a foundational understanding of language structure and development as well as strategies for teaching and working with English language learners beyond the K-12 classroom in the United States. Please note that this certificate does not lead to teacher certification and, therefore, is not intended for teacher education students. Teaching English in K-12 classrooms in the United States requires state certification and, in Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania Program Specialist: ESL Certificate. If you are enrolled in a teacher education program leading toward Pennsylvania Instructional I certification or currently hold that certification, please review the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) MSED program.

Grounded in a sociocultural perspective, the program provides firsthand practical experience to build language teaching skills, including lesson planning/delivery, curriculum development and assessment. Upon completion, students find themselves knowledgeable of the cultural, social and political complexities of language education, its learning and use, and are able to skillfully draw on this awareness in a broad range of international, professional and teaching contexts. This program is ideal for those who want to develop a solid foundation for teaching English to non-native speakers and can serve as a critical pathway to the master's program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

**Time Limit for Certificate Completion:** 2 years

**Campus Location:** Main

**Full-Time/Part-Time Status:** The graduate certificate can be completed on a part-time basis. NOTE: International students may not be eligible to apply for a student visa based on admission to the certificate program. Please contact the Office of Enrollment Management for more information.

### Admission Requirements and Deadlines

#### Application Deadline:

Applications are accepted for the Fall, Spring and Summer terms and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

*APPLY ONLINE to this certificate program.*

#### Letters of Reference:

*Number Required: 2*

*From Whom:* Letters of recommendation should be obtained to provide insight regarding the applicant's academic competence. References from college/university faculty are recommended.

**Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline:** A bachelor's degree is required. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is expected.

International applicants should also submit an official document that validates completion and conferral of a degree, diploma and/or certificate. While not required, international applicants are encouraged to submit transcript(s) to the World Education Services (WES) for evaluation.

**Statement of Goals:** In 500-1,000 words, write a statement of purpose outlining your interest in seeking a graduate certificate with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire, your interests, and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program.

#### Standardized Test Scores:

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 95
- IELTS Academic: 7.0
- PTE Academic: 64

**Resume:** Current resume required.

**Other Requirement:** Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned must be submitted.

### Certificate Requirements

*Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 12*

*Required Courses:*

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
TESL 5614	Current Approaches to Teaching English Language Learners	3
TESL 5615	Teaching English in a Global Context	3
<b>TESOL Electives</b>		<b>6</b>
Select two from the following:		
TESL 5611	Applied Language Study I: Phonology and the Lexicon	
TESL 5612	Applied Language Study II: Grammar, Morphology and Classroom Discourse	
TESL 5613	Multilingual Students' Literacy Development	
TESL 5616	Designing Assessment and Curriculum for Multilingual Students	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

**GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate:** 3.0 minimum

## Contacts

### Certificate Program Web Address:

<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/english-language-teaching-certificate-graduate-ed-eltc-grad>

### Department Information:

Dept. of Teaching and Learning  
 College of Education and Human Development  
 1301 Cecil B. Moore Avenue  
 Philadelphia, PA 19122-6091  
[educate@temple.edu](mailto:educate@temple.edu)  
 215-204-0999

### Submission Address for Application Materials:

<https://apply.temple.edu/CEHD>

### Department Contacts:

*Admissions:*

Office of Enrollment Management  
[educate@temple.edu](mailto:educate@temple.edu)  
 215-204-0999

*Graduate Advising:*

College of Education and Human Development  
[gradcehd@temple.edu](mailto:gradcehd@temple.edu)

*Program Coordinator:*

Dr. Di Liu  
[diliu@temple.edu](mailto:diliu@temple.edu)