

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, CERTIFICATE

The TESOL Certificate Program provides a firm grounding in both linguistics and pedagogical theory paired with practical teaching experience. It prepares future teachers of English as a second or foreign language to apply their skills in settings around the world. Because the TESOL Certificate is a six-course program and because all six graduate courses from this certificate may apply towards an M.A., a student can earn a TESOL Certificate in conjunction with an M.A. in Linguistics with just one additional year's coursework.

The Certificate Program has close relationships with the English Programs for Internationals (EPI) at South Carolina, which is among the top-ranked adult ESL programs in the nation. EPI faculty members typically are responsible for the instruction in pedagogically-oriented ESL theory courses, as well as for the practical training component of the Certificate Program.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of general linguistics and proficiency in problem-solving skills.
- Students will demonstrate understanding of second language acquisition theories.
- Students will demonstrate professional competencies in planning, implementing, and assessing English as second language instruction appropriate for specific groups and settings.