The globalization of English and demand for English language instruction worldwide create need for skilled practitioners who can address the widely variant educational needs of English learners.

Opportunities for teaching English learners overseas and at home are abundant. According to Education First’s 2016 English Proficiency Index (EPI) for both schools and companies worldwide, English language proficiency correlates with higher incomes, improved quality of life, more dynamic business settings, superior connectivity, and more innovation. Recognizing this return on investment, countries such as Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Panama, South Korea, and Uruguay have launched government-sponsored initiatives to expand English teaching and learning. In the U.S., the Pew Research Center reports that the proportion of immigrants who speak English “less than very well” increased from 43% in 1980 to 50% in 2013.

Through comprehensive certificate-level training, SRU graduates will be prepared to teach English as a foreign language (TEFL) abroad and English as a second language (TESL) at home. Facilitating lifelong TESOL development, the Certificate helps graduates realize their dreams of living abroad and assisting others in acquiring English proficiency.

Slippery Rock University’s Graduate TESOL Certificate is 13 credits, can be earned in 2-3 semesters, and offers:

- The basic graduate-level requirement to qualify for overseas and domestic English teaching jobs
- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule – 2 once-weekly evening classes and remaining courses online
- Expert faculty with earned doctorates
- A pathway to Master’s degree – all 13 credits apply to the MA TESOL, leaving only 17 online credits remaining to obtain the full degree

Applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed application form and non-refundable application fee:

1. Bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in English, modern languages, linguistics, applied linguistics, education, or a related field. Other major/minor areas of study considered. A 2.5 GPA is considered for conditional admission.
2. Official transcripts
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Statement of Intent (personal and professional goals for TESOL study)

GRE not required

International students should check with the Office for Global Engagement to review all international documents and visa status. Please visit the Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate for more information.

*The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and it is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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