

# TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, CULTURES, AND WRITING

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

## DELIVERY METHOD

Blended - Online/Onsite

## START TERMS

Fall or Spring

## COMPLETION TIME

2-3 semesters

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

13 credits

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The globalization of English and demand for English language instruction worldwide has created 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.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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 ([www.sru.edu/tesol](http://www.sru.edu/tesol))

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.75 in English, modern languages, theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, education, or a related field. Other areas of study, including minors in the above disciplines, will be considered (prior coursework in linguistics will be strongly recommended but not required). Conditional admission with a 2.5 GPA will be considered.
2. Official undergraduate degree transcripts and any graduate transcripts.
3. Two electronic recommendation forms
4. Personal Statement (1-2 pages typed essay explaining personal and professional goals for TESOL).
5. GRE not required

International students should contact the Office for Global Engagement to review all international documents and visa status. Please visit the Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate) for more information.



**SRU's graduate TESOL certificate offers basic training for candidates who wish to teach adult or young English learners abroad, and all credits may apply towards the MA TESOL.**

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## CURRICULUM GUIDE

### Required Courses

MODL 602	Prin of Language Learning and Teaching	3
MODL 604	Methods of TESOL	3
MODL 608	Grammar for TESOL	3
MODL 606	Second Language Acquisition	3
or MODL 612	Sociolinguistics	
MODL 699	Practicum in TESOL	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

## TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or in the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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