

# Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (DipTESOL)

Trinity's DipTESOL is a respected Master's-level (Level 7) qualification designed for experienced teachers of English who want to progress to senior professional roles. It is widely recognised by employers in the UK and internationally, including British Council-accredited institutions.

## Who is it for?

The DipTESOL is suitable for teachers who wish to:

- ▶ Progress into management, teacher education, mentoring or examining.
- ▶ Deepen their professional knowledge and classroom expertise.
- ▶ Support and develop less experienced colleagues.
- ▶ Engage critically with theory and apply it to their own teaching context.

## What does it develop?

The qualification focuses on the practical application of theory to classroom teaching.

Participants explore:

- ▶ Language, learning and teaching theory.
- ▶ Phonology and its classroom application.

- ▶ Research-informed teaching practice.
- ▶ Reflective and independent professional development.

There is a strong emphasis on context, encouraging teachers to apply learning directly to their own learners, settings and professional goals.

## Course structure

- ▶ **Flexible delivery:** part-time and blended study options.
- ▶ **Total qualification time:** 600 hours (150 guided learning hours + 450 self-study).
- ▶ **Four assessment units**, combining written work, research, interview and assessed teaching.

Courses are delivered by Trinity-validated providers worldwide.

## Entry requirements

Applicants should:

- ▶ Have English proficiency at CEFR C1 or above.
- ▶ Hold an initial teaching qualification or commensurate experience.
- ▶ Have at least two years' teaching experience (recommended).

The DipTESOL is regulated at **Level 7 on Ofqual's Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)**.



## Assessment overview

Assessment is designed to reflect real professional practice and includes both internal and external assessment.

- ▶ **Unit 1: Language, learning and professional development**  
Externally assessed written project, focusing on language knowledge, learning and teaching and professional development.
- ▶ **Unit 2: Context-focused research**  
Internally assessed coursework portfolio, externally moderated. Includes observation, teaching practice and an independent research project linked to the candidate's own teaching context.
- ▶ **Unit 3: Phonology in theory and practice**  
Externally assessed interview examining phonological knowledge and its application to classroom teaching.
- ▶ **Unit 4: Assessed teaching**  
Internally and externally assessed lessons with planning and evaluation, plus a moderated teaching journal.

Across all units, there is a strong emphasis on reflection, classroom enquiry and professional growth.

## How the DipTESOL fits into the Trinity TESOL suite

The DipTESOL is Trinity's advanced TESOL qualification and can be used for credit transfer towards Master's-level programmes with similar outcomes.

Other Trinity TESOL qualifications include:

- ▶ **CertTESOL (Level 5)** – Initial teacher training.
- ▶ **TYLEC** – Specialist qualification for teaching young learners.
- ▶ **CertOT (Level 4)** – Specialist online teaching qualification.
- ▶ **CertPT (Level 6)** – Professional development for practising teachers.

## Next steps

Visit our website to:

- ▶ Learn more about the DipTESOL.
- ▶ Find a validated course provider.
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