

Trinity's CertTESOL: Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

The Trinity CertTESOL is an internationally recognised **Level 5*** qualification designed for those starting out in English language teaching. It provides essential knowledge and skills in contemporary English language teaching, combining theory, practical skills and insights into learner challenges. Recognised by the British Council and offered by over 150 Trinity-approved course providers globally, the CertTESOL opens doors for teaching opportunities worldwide.

Key Features

Flexible delivery: Available full-time, part-time, online, face-to-face or as a blended course (varies by provider).

Comprehensive training: 200 hours total (130 hours of guided learning, 70 hours of self-study).

Essential TESOL knowledge and skills:

Courses cover a comprehensive introduction to contemporary theory and practical application in the classroom.

Practical teaching experience: Six hours of observed teaching practice with real learners.

CertTESOL Units Overview:

- ▶ **Unit 1:** Teaching skills – Develops practical classroom skills through observations of experienced teachers and teaching practice, feedback and reflection, providing hands-on teaching experience.
- ▶ **Unit 2:** Language awareness & skills – Builds understanding of lexis, grammar, phonology and discourse, with an emphasis on language assessment and varieties of English.
- ▶ **Unit 3:** The Learner profile – Focuses on one-to-one teaching, diagnosing a real learner's needs and tailoring lessons to support individual learning goals.
- ▶ **Unit 4:** The materials assignment – Enhances skills in selecting, adapting, creating and evaluating classroom materials for effective teaching.
- ▶ **Unit 5:** The unknown language – Provides insight into the learner's perspective by simulating the experience of learning a new language, fostering empathy and teaching insight.

Entrants for CertTESOL courses must have qualifications and/or experience that would allow entrance to higher education, with minimum English language proficiency of CEFR level C1 or above.

* Level 5 on Ofqual's Register of Regulated Qualifications (RQF)



The Trinity qualification suite

Trinity's TESOL qualifications are designed to support teachers throughout their careers – from early practitioner to experienced professional.

The Trinity CertTESOL is listed at **Level 5** on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications in the UK. Other Trinity TESOL qualifications are the Teaching Young Learners Extension Certificate (TYLEC), the Certificate for Practising Teachers (CertPT) (**Level 6**) and the DipTESOL (**Level 7**).

Qualification	RQF & EQF levels*	Guided learning hours (GLH)	Total qualification time (TQT)	Focus of pedagogical knowledge and skills
CertTESOL	Level 5	130	200	Essential TESOL
TYLEC	–	58	100	Specialist young learner TESOL
CertOT	RQF Level 4 EQF Level 5	30	50	Specialist online teaching
CertPT	Level 6	30	100	Specialist TESOL professional development
DipTESOL	Level 7	150	600	Advanced TESOL

* RQF = Ofqual's Regulated Qualifications Framework, EQF = European Qualifications Framework | ** minimum time

Support for training providers

CertTESOL courses are available through Trinity validated course providers – find full details of course content and course validation requirements at trinitycollege.com/CertTESOL.

We provide support for course providers to help them set up and deliver Trinity qualifications, together with training and resources for teachers and learning centres.

Trinity also runs regular CPD workshops on different aspects of English language teaching and ESOL assessment literacy – visit trinitycollege.com/language-events to find out more.

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