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The idea of teaching

English attracts a variety of people

from all corners of the English speaking world, from university students taking a gap year, long-term travellers to those who have decided to change their careers (and their lifestyles) and those who have retired. The opportunities to travel and teach are endless. There are English language schools all over the world. The most popular destinations for teachers are: South America, Eastern Europe, Asia and South East Asia. Teaching English overseas is an unforgettable experience and will give you the rare opportunity to immerse yourself in a foreign culture, and to learn about a country and its people while travelling and earning money. There are also many exciting opportunities to teach English as a second or foreign language in South Africa.

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages is a satisfying and rewarding career. There are positions available to teach various levels and age groups: from kindergarten to Business English. Most ESOL classes are student centered, communicative and activity-based so that the students are given the opportunity to interact and learn English in a stimulating and interesting environment while having fun. The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) course will prepare you for a career in English language teaching.

## Who is the course suitable for?

- Individuals interested in a career in English foreign or second language teaching who have no experience
- Teachers who are interested in developing themselves professionally in the area of English foreign or second language teaching

## What are the entry requirements?

To be registered as a trainee on the Wits/INTESOL TESOL course you need to fulfil all the requirements below:

- Minimum of 18 years of age
- First language proficiency in English
- Minimum of a National Senior Certificate (Grade 12)
- A degree is highly recommended
- Successful completion of the pre-course assessment and interview

## What are the aims and objectives of the course?

On completion of the course, candidates will:

- Develop an understanding of vocabulary in context
- Identify and use the different approaches and methods used in English language teaching
- Apply the basic principles of Communicative Language Teaching
- Know and explain aspects of English grammar
- Demonstrate techniques and approaches used to teach grammar
- Know and explain aspects of phonology
- Demonstrate techniques and approaches used to teach pronunciation
- Show an understanding of the formation of words and their relationships
- Demonstrate techniques and approaches used to teach lexis



- Identify and explain the skills needed for successful reading and listening
- Demonstrate techniques and approaches used to teach reading and listening skills
- Identify and explain the skills needed for successful writing and speaking
- Demonstrate techniques and approaches used to teach writing and speaking skills
- Design and use language teaching aids
- Identify and correct student errors
- Generate and facilitate communication
- Plan and design detailed lesson plans
- Use language teaching and learning resources effectively
- Prepare and deliver effective English language lessons
- Reflect on and evaluate his or her teaching

### How is the course structured?

In the input sessions, our trained and experienced teacher trainers will cover theoretical aspects of the course, such as: language awareness, teaching methodology and the basic principles of the teaching and learning of ESOL. The teaching practice offers trainees the opportunity to plan and present lessons to English language students from the local community. These teaching practice sessions are observed by an experienced team of trainers who provide constructive feedback and help you to develop your teaching skills. In addition to the input sessions and teaching practice, trainees are also provided with the opportunity to observe language classes.

### What approach is used?

The course aims to develop basic practical awareness and skills to equip trainees with the confidence, resources and knowledge that they will need in order to teach as well as to continue their development as teachers. The TESOL approach involves participatory learning, where trainees are very much involved in the learning and teaching process. Most input sessions will focus on trainees discovering new concepts and information in teaching English through discussions, research, activities and presentations. Trainees are required to contribute to their groups by sharing and completing duties. Trainees will be provided with a course file. There are additional books available for purchase.

### What will the course include?

1. Basic principles of teaching English

2. Teaching strategies
  - warmers
  - giving instructions and setting up activities
  - clarifying & eliciting information
  - teaching and learning activities
  - using video and film
  - using songs and music
  - visual aids
  - student error and correction
3. Classroom management
4. Lesson planning
5. Language and skills
  - vocabulary
  - grammar
  - phonology
  - reading
  - writing
  - listening
  - speaking
  - pronunciation
6. Resources and materials for teaching English
  - evaluating and exploiting course books
7. Testing, assessing and evaluating general English
8. Introduction to other teaching contexts
  - teaching mono and multi lingual classes
  - teaching business English
  - teaching exam classes
  - teaching young learners
9. Working in English language teaching
  - language schools
  - finding a teaching position
  - resources
  - professional development
10. Teaching practice

### How long is the course?

The TESOL course is a 120 hour course which includes 6 hours of observed and assessed teaching practice. The full-time TESOL Certificate is an intensive four-week course and it is advisable that you have no outside commitments during this period. The full-time classes run Monday – Friday from 08:00 to 17:00.

The part-time course is offered two evenings per week and on Saturday mornings, running over a period of 12 weeks. The evening classes are held from 18:00 to 21:00 and the Saturday classes run from 09:00 to 13:00.

### What are the methods of assessment?

Assessment is continuous and there is no final exam. Trainees are assessed on their practical teaching as well as a portfolio of written assignments. In order to complete the course successfully, trainees are required to pass all of the written assignments and teaching practice.

### What certification is issued?

Both a Wits Language School TESOL certificate of competence and an INTESOL certificate are awarded on the successful completion of the course. The University of the Witwatersrand regards this as an NQF level 5 qualification.

INTESOL was founded in 1993 in Bristol, England by Lynda Hazelwood. INTESOL is established in the UK as an accredited centre by NCFE, a national awarding body in the United Kingdom. The INTESOL course is currently offered by schools in over 11 countries and is recognised by language schools internationally. The INTESOL course fulfils the British Council's requirements for a recognised TESOL certificate.

### Why study with Wits/INTESOL?

The University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) is one of the leading universities in the country and on the continent. It is one of only two universities in Africa ranked in two separate international rankings as a leading academic institution in the world. The prestige and reputation associated with Wits transcends across all its faculties and departments. As part of the University, Wits Language School adheres to the proud tradition of academic excellence. Not only are we committed to quality and excellent service, we also encourage our learners to aspire to excellence and to draw inspiration from their teachers and fellow students.

Our courses and services are maintained through quality assurance procedures and all courses are aligned with the National Qualifications Framework. The teaching methods we employ are based on sound research and are designed to facilitate the learning process. The Language Teacher Education Unit at Wits Language School is a centre of expertise in the field of pre-service teacher education with a highly-respected language teacher education unit.

Wits Language School has the exclusive rights to offer the INTESOL NCFE accredited TESOL course throughout Africa.

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Wits/INTESOL is proud to bring you qualifications that have been accredited as being at NQF Levels 5 by NCFE, a regulated National Awarding Body, which is recognised worldwide, as well as by The University of the Witwatersrand, an international educational institution of excellence. This means that your qualification is respected by employers worldwide, giving you the best opportunities and working conditions.

- It means your training is of the highest quality.
- It means your qualification fits into the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), a requirement often asked for by potential employers worldwide.
- It means your course is moderated and the procedures are checked by an external body.
- It means you will receive 3 certificates, one from the prestigious University of the Witwatersrand, one from INTESOL and one from NCFE.
- It means you will receive an Accreditation Confirmation Report (Course Transcript) from NCFE showing what you have studied.
- It means that employers worldwide will know that your course is of a high academic standard.
- It means your course provider is inspected annually.

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