

... about teaching English as a foreign language

How can I decide which teacher training course to take when there are so many being advertised?

If you are seriously considering TESOL as a career you should choose a course that offers you the widest recognition. Bear in mind that in Britain many accredited schools can only employ teachers who have passed a course which is recognised by the British Council. At the moment there are only two certification courses which meet their criteria: Trinity CertTESOL and CELTA. Any course that professes to train you for teaching should include teaching practice, which means that many on-line courses cannot really prepare you adequately for the classroom unless they offer practice with feedback as well.

Why are there so many different ways of referring to teaching English such as TEFL and ELT?

There are many different acronyms that have developed over the past thirty years or so to describe the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The variations exist as different boards and organisations have tried to differentiate themselves or place emphasis on one particular aspect (for example, whether or not the learner is abroad or living and possibly working in an English-speaking country).

Why should I choose the Trinity Cert. TESOL?

The Trinity CertTESOL can guarantee the highest standard because the course is externally moderated by Trinity college London and recognised by the British Council. We are regularly inspected and all our trainers have to be approved, as does our programme and any material that we produce relating to the course. If you wish to pursue a career in TESOL it is wise to have a strong base upon which to build which is what this particular course this course provides.

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Is the Trinity Cert. TESOL an internationally recognized qualification?

Yes, the Trinity CertTESOL is recognised worldwide. It meets and exceeds international guidelines.

Can I get a job without a TESOL certificate?

Yes, you can, but remember that a school which is serious about its standards will naturally want its staff to be well trained and qualified. If you don't need a qualification to work in a school, it may well mean a job with a lower pay rate. Some schools offer an internal training course but this is generally for their own specific methods which would only permit you to work for their schools on their conditions. Other than this there are not many parts of the world where a qualification is not required but given the choice even the least scrupulous school would prefer a certified teacher.

What will I receive if I pass the course?

You will receive an official certificate from Trinity College London together with a letter from Byron Language Development outlining the course content and your performance on the course.