

TESOL Taster Sessions

General Overview

These 1.5 hour sessions (workshop and Q&A) will allow prospective Trinity CertTESOL/DipTESOL applicants to come to the centre, meet the course trainers, gain a face-to-face introduction to the course, and take part in a short session on language awareness. Prospective trainees will also have the chance to find out any information they feel would inform their application, and can take away pre-course materials / application packs to complete should they be interested in applying for the Trinity TESOL courses.

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Meet the trainers / see the centre	Meet and greet / Q and A about skills and experience
Course information	Why the Trinity CertTESOL? Overview of assessed components / key skills for success / advice to prospective applicants
Language awareness: Grammar 101	A 30-minute workshop on an aspect of language or teaching skills (as specified in the session title) and ways of analysing language
Application documents	Prospective applicants receive application packs (application form, pre-course language awareness pack, advice to prospective trainees)

TESOL Methods and Approaches

This is an introduction to some of the more popular and effective approaches to teaching which are given focus on the CertTESOL course at English for Asia. We will explore some different ways of viewing language and presenting it to students in the classroom, in preparation for the teaching practice and observation tasks that are assessed as part of the course. You will also get the chance to get some first-hand experience with the ways that input sessions are delivered on the CertTESOL course, meet a course tutor and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

Focusing on the ESOL Learner

This session aims to highlight the importance of a learner-centred approach to language teaching, by considering the different characteristics of language learners. We will think about learner style, levels of proficiency in different skills and the different motivations that learners have to study. These are key aspects of the largest assignment on the CertTESOL course: the Learner Profile. You will also get the chance to get some first-hand experience with the ways that input sessions are delivered on the CertTESOL course, meet a course tutor and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

Teaching Vocabulary

This session will present some different ways of viewing and analyzing vocabulary in preparation for teaching. We will examine the lexical approach to vocabulary learning, and look at some different ways of organizing and recycling vocabulary with learners. You will also get the chance to get some first-hand experience with the ways that input sessions are delivered on the CertTESOL course, meet a course tutor and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

Grammar

This session examines some approaches to grammar teaching which are used in teaching practice on the CertTESOL course. We will look at top-down and bottom-up approaches, and investigate the relationship between grammar and language functions. You will also get the chance to get some first-hand experience with the ways that input sessions are delivered on the CertTESOL course, meet a course tutor and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

Phonology

This session gives a comprehensive introduction to the sounds of English, and how they are presented to teachers and learners on the International Phonemic Alphabet (IPA). Phonology and pronunciation teaching are integral to many areas of the Trinity CertTESOL course, and play an important part in ESOL practice generally, so this is a valuable introduction to this challenging technical area of English language teaching.

DipTESOL Taster Session

This session, aimed at teachers with more than 2 years of full-time experience in the ESOL classroom, explores some of the ways that the Trinity Diploma in TESOL can further your classroom practice. We will present an overview of the main components of this part-time distance learning course, and highlight some key areas of development that candidates typically focus on during their time on the course. You will also get the chance to meet a course tutor and ask any questions you may have about the course and the qualification.