

## TESOL Programs at D&H

### 1. TEFL/TESL/TESOL - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

**TEFL** = Teaching English as a Foreign Language. This refers to teaching English in a country where English is NOT the native or official language.

**TESL** = Teaching English as a Second Language. This refers to teaching English in a country where English IS the native or official language.

**TESOL** = Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. This now seems to be the industry standard for EAL teacher education programs in BC. It is also the name of the U.S.-based professional organization for teachers.

### 2. What is [TESOL 150 certificate](#)?

TESOL 150 at D&H College is a comprehensive ESL teaching certificate program with seven short courses covering essential teaching aspects and modern practices. It includes 10 hours of classroom observation and 20 hours of teaching experience. The program emphasizes developing global ESL/EFL teaching competence, personalized methodologies, learner-centered lessons, and technology integration. Accredited by TESL Canada (Standard I), graduates receive an international certificate. The program outline covers fundamentals, lesson planning, language components, receptive and productive skills, assessment, and materials. Graduates find diverse opportunities globally and in Canada, from English Language Teacher to Online English Tutor and Language School Administrator.

### 3. What is [TESOL 300 diploma](#)?

TESOL 300 Diploma is an accredited online program recognized by TESL Canada for Standard 2. With ten courses, it covers essential ESL teaching aspects, blending advanced theory and practical strategies. The program emphasizes in-depth exploration of modern teaching practices, learner language acquisition, and includes 30 hours of real-classroom observation and 20 hours of teaching experience. Learning objectives focus on advanced proficiency in teaching language skills innovatively, ESL assessment, digital resource integration, and inclusive practices. Accredited by TESL Canada (Standard II), graduates receive an international certificate. The program covers fundamentals, lesson planning, language components, receptive and productive skills, assessment, materials, technology, special classes, and teaching international exams. TESOL 300 graduates find diverse opportunities globally and in Canada, including roles like English Language Teacher, Online English Tutor, and ESL Program Coordinator. The program's duration is flexible, with a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 7 months.

### 4. What is the duration of the TESOL 150 and TESOL 300 programs, and when do they typically start?

-TESOL 150 can be completed within a span of two to six months.

-TESOL 300 has a duration of three months to a maximum of seven months.

Both programs are conducted online, providing flexibility for students. Participants have the option to commence the program at any time. However, it is common for groups or cohorts to commence their studies at the beginning of each month.

### 5. Who are the professors in the TESOL programs?

All instructors hold Master's and Ph.D. degrees in applied linguistics and education, bringing with them extensive experience in teaching EAP and ESL in both Canadian and international contexts. They are actively involved in facilitating teacher training and contribute to academia by teaching at universities and industry settings. Additionally, they have a substantial number of publications, regularly participate in education and teacher



training conferences, and many of them have received recognition through teaching and research awards. You can read more about them on the [TESL Faculty page](#).

### 6. How do professors and students collaborate and interact?

Professors and students collaborate using Moodle platform that provides access to course materials, assignments, submissions, feedback, grades, and more. Additionally, students, either individually or in their cohort, engage in three live Zoom sessions as part of each program.

### 7. What credentials will I attain through the programs?

Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded either a TESOL certificate or diploma. Our TESOL certificate holds recognition from TESL Canada as standard one, while the diploma is acknowledged as standard 2. If you possess a Bachelor's degree and successfully complete the program, you will be eligible to apply for the TESL Canada Professional Certificate: Standard One. For detailed information about TESL Canada Professional Certification Standards, please visit: <https://www.tesl.ca/certification/tesl-canada-professional-certification.html>

Please note that individuals without a four-year (Bachelor's) degree are not eligible for any level of TESL Canada Federation National Professional Certification. Nevertheless, completing our program will still earn you a D&H College TESL certificate or diploma.

### 8. Are these programs eligible for financial aids?

Yes, D&H College offers financial aid options through TESOL Scholarships, providing support ranging from \$300 to \$500 for TESOL 150 and 300 courses. Criteria include academic excellence, teaching experience, a professional recommendation, and a compelling Letter of Interest. Indigenous Scholarship offers a dedicated \$200 scholarship, and Indigenous students can concurrently apply for TESOL Scholarships. The Bursary Opportunity allows for a 50% tuition waiver on TESOL 150 and 300 courses, with limited annual availability. Interested applicants should contact the Admissions Department promptly and may undergo an interview with the Admissions team and faculty members. You can obtain further information at [D&H Scholarships](#)!

### 9. What is TESL Canada?

[TESL Canada](#) is a national organization dedicated to advancing communication and awareness for English as a Second Language (ESL) and skills development. They advocate for EAL learners, unite teachers and learners through forums, support knowledge sharing nationwide, and represent diverse needs in TESL nationally and internationally. Here is the [list of accredited colleges and universities with TESL Canada](#).

### 10. What are the advantages of holding TESL Canada certification?

As outlined on the TESL Canada website, the National Professional Certification Standards offer several benefits to educators. They ensure that TESL training and EAL teaching experience are acknowledged as key professional measures for Canadian EAL educators. Additionally, these standards guarantee that teaching credentials are recognized nationally and internationally, fostering trust among international students comparing faculty at Canadian post-secondary schools and language institutes. For more information, visit [www.tesl.ca](http://www.tesl.ca)

### 11. Is TESL Canada certification only for Canadians?

No, it is not limited to Canadians! Native speakers from Canada, the USA, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa are eligible for TESL Canada certification. Non-native English speakers must attain a valid proficiency score (TOEFL or IELTS) before applying for TESL Canada certification.

### 12. How does TESL Canada compare with CELTA and DELTA?

TESL Canada recognizes the CELTA certificate but considers it equivalent to a TESL Canada Standard One certificate (150 hours). The TESL Diploma program, recognized as Standard Two, is more extensive (300 hours) and is deemed equivalent to the DELTA, a higher standard than CELTA (120 hours). Holders of CELTA certificates and DELTA diplomas can apply for course credit towards the TESL Diploma program due to overlapping topics. In summary, a TESOL certificate (150 hours) recognized by TESL Canada is academically equivalent to the 120-hour CELTA certification, while the TESOL Diploma program (300 hours) is equivalent to the DELTA.



### 13. What is the observation like in TESOL 150 and 300?

Observation in TESOL 150 involves 10 hours of on-site real teaching observation and asynchronous reports, while TESOL 300 extends this to 30 hours. The observation methods include assessing the supervising teacher's performance, analyzing recorded classes asynchronously, and actively participating in synchronous online ESL classes while taking notes.

### 14. What is the practicum like in TESOL 150 and 300?

Each program includes a 20-hour practicum, split between group teaching and individual tutoring of an ESL student. The practicum occurs on-site at D&H College or partner colleges in Vancouver, with up to 50% online completion as per TESL Canada standards. The tutoring segment involves 10 hours of supervised practice, while the in-class teaching component, observed by your sponsor teacher and the practicum instructor, covers an additional 10 hours. Throughout the practicum, you'll engage in lesson preparation and receive valuable feedback from your sponsor teacher.

### 15. Is the practicum mandatory for certified teachers?

Yes, the practicum is a compulsory element of the program, and all students, including those with prior teaching certification, must fulfill its requirements. It's important to note that the practicum exclusively takes place in an adult ESL classroom, not in a youth classroom.

### 16. Can you assist me in finding employment as an ESL teacher?

Certainly! We're here to help you secure employment as an ESL teacher. We'll provide guidance on crafting a strong resume, applying for jobs locally or internationally. Our website's [ESL Career Service](#) page offers insights into global and Canadian job requirements. We're also launching a new project to help you document teaching experiences through social media, creating a portfolio for job enhancement. A faculty member will guide you in building an online language teacher portfolio to boost your resume for applications in Canada and abroad.

### 17. Where can I teach in Canada after completing this program?

After completing the program, you can teach in private schools in the Lower Mainland or federally funded programs like LINC for immigrants, all of which require TESL Canada certification. Other opportunities include tutoring and volunteering in various settings, not mandating a Bachelor's degree. TESOL 150 graduates can pursue roles like English Language Teacher, Online English Tutor, and Language School Administrator. TESOL 300 graduates can explore diverse roles such as English Language Teacher, Online English Tutor, ESL Program Coordinator, IELTS/TOEFL Instructor, Language Consultant, and College English Instructor, both globally and in Canada.

### 18. Can I teach abroad after this program?

Certainly! Successfully completing this comprehensive program will equip you with the confidence to teach or tutor abroad. While most reputable schools abroad typically require a Bachelor's degree and at least a TESL certificate, it's important to note that each country (and even each city) may have diverse teaching positions and requirements. Conducting your own research into the specific requirements of the country where you wish to teach is recommended, and your instructors will also assist you with this aspect during the TESL program.

### 19. Can I teach ESL in a BC elementary or high school after this program?

No, this program is specifically designed for teaching English to adult learners. If you're interested in obtaining certification for teaching in an elementary or secondary school, please refer to the BC Government's page on training and professional development for K-12 teachers for more information.

### 20. Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, reach out to **Damon Li**, the TESOL Department Coordinator, at [tesol@dnhcollege.com](mailto:tesol@dnhcollege.com) or by phone at +1 (604) 553-8889. If you have inquiries about admissions and scholarships, please contact **Joan Sun** (her/hers) at [admissions@dnhcollege.com](mailto:admissions@dnhcollege.com). Feel free to get in touch with us for any questions; we're here to assist you!