

THE NEW SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH FAQs

IS THERE A NEED FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS?

There is ever-growing demand for native or near-native English speakers trained to teach the language both in the United States and abroad. Community colleges, universities, private language schools, adult education language programs, and private businesses all need qualified English teachers. Individuals from all walks of life in the United States and other countries also hire trained personal tutors to help them learn English.

WHAT IS THE REPUTATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL CTE PROGRAM?

The New School had one of the first certificate programs to be offered in New York City and has established an excellent reputation, especially for its emphasis on practical classroom skills. Many institutions in the New York City area that once hired only people with master's degrees in TESOL have hired our certificate holders. One administrator told us recently, "If I get a job application from someone with a New School Certificate, I always interview that applicant."

Overseas, where The New School program is not as well known, our students report that when they describe their course syllabi and requirements, prospective employers are always impressed that this program gives three or four times as much student-teaching time (a minimum of 50 hours) as other, better-known, certificate programs.

DOES THE NEW SCHOOL CTE CERTIFY TEACHERS OF ENGLISH FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

No. It is a certificate of professional training and has no connection with K–12 certification by the New York State Department of Education. The New School certificate curriculum focuses on how to teach adults.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL I DO MY PRACTICE TEACHING?

The English Language Studies department has a long-standing relationship with many community-based organizations that maintain ESL programs in and around New York City. Typically, you arrange to teach in one of the partnering institutions. You are required to do practice teaching at two points in the certificate program: 1) The Methods and Techniques course (this is usually the first course) requires you to volunteer teach for a minimum total 20 hours during the semester. 2) The Teaching Practicum (the last course in the program) requires you to teach a minimum total of 30 hours.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH?

The program could be taken in as few as two semesters, but most students take three or four (one and a half to two years). Completion within two years is strongly recommended.

IS THERE A REQUIRED SEQUENCE OF COURSES?

There is a recommended sequence, but it is not required. When you are admitted to the program, you will meet with an advisor who will work with you to plan out the best sequence of courses for you.

COULD I TAKE JUST ONE OR TWO COURSES WITHOUT BEING ADMITTED TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM?

With permission from the department of English Language Studies, students not enrolled in the certificate program may take individual courses (except the Teaching Practicum). *Note however:* Certificate approval cannot be awarded for any course retroactively. It is best to apply for the certificate program even if you are not sure you want to take the entire curriculum. That way, a permanent record will be maintained and transcripts will be available whether or not all certificate requirements are completed.

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CAN YOU TAKE THE CTE COURSES FOR CREDIT?

CTE courses can be taken for a total of 12 undergraduate credits. Fees on the website are the non-credit rate. Refer to the bulletin for credit rates. While most students take the courses on a non-credit basis, students enrolled in the New School Bachelor's Program are able to complete the CTE as part of their BA.

DOES THE CTE COURSEWORK COUNT TOWARDS THE NEW SCHOOL MATESOL?

The CTE can only be taken for undergraduate credit. While the coursework cannot transfer to the MATESOL, we do offer our Certificate holders a generous scholarship. Scholarship amount is confirmed after the MATESOL interview.

WHAT KIND OF JOBS WILL I BE ABLE TO GET WITH A CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH?

See the [CTE Graduate Profiles \(PDF\)](#).