

## Teaching ESL: What does it mean?

To teach in professional school settings, even in private schools, a university degree is usually a prerequisite. Because the supply of qualified instructors has increased tremendously in the last few years, in most countries these days, it is impossible to obtain a **work permit** for a professional ESL teaching position without a university degree. As competition grows keener, a quality ESL teacher training certificate will be required of those holding degrees in disciplines other than language arts.

Getting certified to teach ESL in the public school system in the province of Ontario (Education in Canada is a provincial domain) or elsewhere in Canada is unrelated to teaching English abroad. In Ontario, the usual credentials, a degree + BEd + certification by the OCT, would be required.

The certification you hear about, most often in relation to TEFL, TESL, CELTA has to do with being certified by an organization that has only a semi-formal recognition by some government agency. There is no organization formally sanctioned by the Ministry of Education/Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities in the manner that is in place for other teaching options.

That said, there are a number of institutions offering certified programs. The ones which are recognized and carry some legitimacy (and remember this certification is simply to teach either in non-credited programs or in the private ESL institutions) are:

<http://www.teslontario.ca/index.html> (This is the provincial organization)

Now, TESL Ontario is responsible for issuing the **TESL Ontario Certificate for Instructors Teaching ESL to Adults in Non-Credit Programs in Ontario**. A Certification Review Board will adjudicate applications. [Click here](#) for more information about teacher certification.

TESL Ontario Certification Standards may be different from those required either by TESL Canada or other certifying organizations in other provinces. If you wish to obtain a TESL Ontario Certificate, please follow the TESL Ontario Certification Standards.

<http://www.tesl.ca/> (This is the federal organization)

**TESL Canada** is the national federation of English as a Second Language teachers, learners and learner advocates. We are dedicated to advancing communication and coordinating awareness of issues for those concerned with English as a Second Language and English skills development.

<http://www.lsc-canada.com/teach/teach.htm>

On this site there is a statement that they are recognized by TESL Canada.

### **CELTA at LSC**

LSC Toronto is an official training centre for intensive courses leading to the CELTA. Our teacher-training programme is based on practice with foreign students of English, drawn from our international student body and from the local international community. The training programme takes place in the context of a busy language school, allowing trainees access to students for teaching and the opportunity to observe experienced teachers in the classroom.

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<http://www.eslcafe.com/>