

ABOUT THE TESOL ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 43rd Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit will be held in Denver, Colorado in the United States. The convention will take place March 26–28, 2009, in the Colorado Convention Center.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on December 1, 2008

Registration Hours

Tuesday 3 pm–6 pm

Wednesday 7 am–7 pm

Thursday 7 am–5 pm

Friday 7 am–5 pm

Saturday 7 am–3 pm

Preregistration is highly recommended to avoid long lines at on-site registration; it is also less expensive than registering on site. Preregistered attendees can pick up their Program Book, tote bag, and badge at the registration counters located on in the lobby of the Colorado Convention Center. TESOL convention badges must be worn at all times in the exhibit hall and while attending sessions. The fee to replace a lost badge is \$25. Pick-up hours are the same as registration hours.

Registration Costs

Full pre-registration is \$295 for members and \$510 for non-members.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Which hotels

Hotel reservations will be available beginning December 1, 2009. You will need to register for the convention prior to obtaining a room reservation.

Hotel Rates

Rates in TESOL's official hotels range from \$178 per night to \$199 per night for single occupancy. Rates for doubles and quad rooms will be available December 1. You can check out all the hotel details in the advanced program on page 39.

Business Center

The Colorado Convention Center has a full service business center that is located just off Lobby A in the red-carpeted corridor.

Food and Beverages

Food can be purchased in the Exhibit Hall or at stands located throughout the convention center. Additional restaurants and services are located outside the convention center.

Parking at the Colorado Convention Center

The Colorado Convention Center has 1,000 parking spaces available for \$8 for up to 7 hours, \$12 for up to 12 hours and \$20 for up to 24 hours.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Information

Denver International Airport is located northeast of downtown Denver. A cab or shuttle ride puts you in the heart of the city in about 25 minutes.

Airport Transportation

Shuttle Services-There are several airport shuttle services that operate between the downtown hotels and Denver International Airport. Their fares range from \$18–\$19 one way.

Taxicabs-Taxis from the airport to downtown charge a flat rate of \$45.

The city's public transport system, Regional Transportation District (RTD), also operates five bus routes under the frequent airport express bus service called skyRide.

TESOL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

Academic Credit

Earn continuing education units (CEUs) and graduate credits by attending TESOL's 2009 convention. For information, contact TESOL's Education Programs Department at edprograms@tesol.org.

Attendance Certificates

Certificates of attendance are in each registration packet on site. You must attend to receive a certificate.

Awards and Grants

TESOL-sponsored awards and grants are made possible by the generous support of TESOL members. The proceeds from raffle ticket sales at the convention greatly benefit the awards and grants program. To learn more about this program, plan to attend the workshop "TESOL Awards Are for You" on Wednesday or Friday. Times and locations can be found on TESOL's Web site or in the Program Book.

Children at TESOL

Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult during the convention. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior for the duration of the convention. As a courtesy to all attendees, presenters, and exhibitors, disruptive children, as well as adults, may be asked to leave the convention.

Doctoral Forum

Wednesday, March 25, 11:30 am – 6:00 pm

Sponsored by the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, this one-day forum invites doctoral students to network with each other and with experienced TESOL researchers and educators to discuss their doctoral programs and dissertation research. For more information, including proposal forms, please go to <http://www.tesol.org/> and click on Communities: Students: Doctoral Forum, or send an e-mail to studentmembers@tesol.org.

Graduate Student Forum

Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 am–5 pm

This one-day miniconference invites graduate students in TESOL teacher preparation programs to present papers, demonstrations, and posters. For more information, including proposal forms, please go to <http://www.tesol.org/> and click on Membership Student Membership Graduate Student Forum, or send an e-mail to studentmembers@tesol.org.

Handouts

TESOL presenters are not required to provide handouts for their sessions. *If handouts are provided, they are the sole responsibility of the presenter.* TESOL strongly encourages presenters to submit their session handouts in advance so TESOL can make them available on the association's Web site, <http://www.tesol.org/>. Starting January 12, 2009, the presenter handout site will be available on the 2009 convention page, with a direct link called "Presenter Handouts." This site will change weekly as new handouts are submitted and will remain open through April 2009.

Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired

To request an interpreter please contact conventions@tesol.org.

Job MarketPlace

Recruiters and job seekers from all over the world meet at the Job MarketPlace to fill a variety of English language teaching jobs: long- and short-term; teaching and administrative; public and private; primary, secondary, adult, and higher education. The Job MarketPlace will be located in the Hall B1 at the Colorado Convention Center.

Networking Mall

The Networking Mall will be located in the exhibit hall. The Networking Mall is a place for attendees to get together, meet, and exchange ideas.

Pre- and Postconvention Institutes Pre- and Postconvention Institutes (PCIs) are practical workshops designed as professional development opportunities and are offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the convention. PCIs are ticketed events and require separate registration.

Services for the Physically Challenged

The Colorado Convention Center is fully wheelchair accessible and in compliance with ADA regulations.