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### TESOL Launches the TESOL Core Certificate Program

Alexandria, Virginia (December 2009)—Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), a global education association, announces the launch of the new 130-hour online TESOL Core Certificate Program. Designed and developed by TESOL experts, the program provides a foundation in the theory and practice of English language teaching. The program is geared for current or prospective teachers or administrators worldwide with limited or no formal training in the field. Participants can choose from two areas of focus: teaching adults in English as a second language (ESL) and English as a foreign language (EFL) environments, or teaching young learners in EFL environments.

“As the premiere global education association for English language educators, TESOL is able to provide unparalleled expertise through the TESOL Core Certificate Program to those new to the field of ELT,” states TESOL President Mark Algren. “I am exceptionally pleased that the TESOL Core Certificate Program will be a valuable new addition to TESOL’s outstanding series of education programs and professional development opportunities.”

Developed in response to growing demands for English language learning and teacher training in diverse contexts, the program is informed by TESOL’s ongoing work in developing English language teaching (ELT) standards. In addition to acquiring an overview of core knowledge of the field, participants benefit by becoming members of TESOL, thereby gaining access to a wide variety of additional resources, including connecting to the largest network of ELT professionals in the world.

To earn the TESOL Core Certificate, participants must complete the following requirements:

- 60-hour (6-week) online foundation course Fundamentals of TESOL
- 60-hour (6-week) online specialty course, choosing one of the following:
  - Teaching Language Skills and Assessment: Adult Learners
  - Teaching Language Skills and Assessment: Young Learners
- 10-hour professional development and capstone

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Participants receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for each completed course. The 130-hour program can be completed in 6–9 months.

The cost of the certificate program is

- \$900 USD for individual members of TESOL, plus \$100 administration fee
- \$990 USD for nonmembers (includes 1-year TESOL membership), plus \$100 administration fee
- \$400 USD for TESOL Global members
- \$435 USD for nonmembers who are eligible for Global membership (includes 1-year TESOL Global membership)

The first online course in the program, Fundamentals of TESOL, starts January 25, 2010 (registration deadline is **January 12, 2010**).

For complete information about the TESOL Core Certificate Program, and to download an application, visit TESOL's Web site at [www.tesol.org/corecertificate](http://www.tesol.org/corecertificate), or contact [corecertificate@tesol.org](mailto:corecertificate@tesol.org).

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Incorporated in 1966, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is a global association for English language teaching professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. TESOL encompasses a network of nearly 60,000 educators worldwide, consisting of more than 12,000 individual members and an additional 45,000 educators within the 100 plus TESOL affiliate associations. Representing a multifaceted academic discipline and profession, TESOL offers members serial publications, books, and electronic resources on current issues, ideas, and opportunities in the field of English language teaching. TESOL also conducts a variety of workshops and symposia, including an annual convention, regarded as the foremost professional development opportunity for English language educators worldwide. TESOL's mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide.