



**TESOL position statement on accreditation  
for intensive English programs in the United States**

With its mission to ensure excellence in English language teaching, TESOL has long supported efforts to advance professional standards and practice in the English as a second or foreign language (ESL/EFL) field. As demonstrated by its development of program standards and the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), TESOL supports and recommends accreditation for intensive English programs (IEPs) in the United States.

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