

**TESOL Position Statement on Independent TESL/TEFL Certificate Programs**

An independent TESL or TEFL certificate program, which is a program that is neither accredited nor affiliated with an accredited post-secondary institution, can serve as a gateway to the field and profession of English as a second or foreign language teaching for those who have proficiency in English. TESOL recommends that an independent TESL or TEFL certificate program should be taught by qualified teacher educators and offer a balance of theory and practice regarding pedagogy and methodology, including a minimum of 100 instructional hours plus a supervised practice teaching component.

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