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### Teachers in India to Receive TESOL English Teaching Credential

March 3, 2023 (Alexandria, VA) – TESOL International Association (TESOL) is announcing a professional development program: The TESOL Blended English Teaching Certificate Program for State Government Teachers India, sponsored by the Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy, new Delhi. This program will provide support for up to 112 public school English teacher mentors.

The new program for mentors at secondary government public schools builds on previous programs that have served teachers in the state government schools of Delhi, Telangana, West Bengal, and Karnataka. According to TESOL President Joyce Kling, this program expands to the states of Punjab, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, and will be offered to additional participants in Telengana.

“Mentors will cascade learning to their peers in the school systems,” Kling said. “Over the last five years, cascading professional development from these programs has reached more than 10,000 teachers.”

The program provides professional development for mentors to demonstrate understanding of key language teaching principles and practices like communicative, learner-centered pedagogies and 21st century skills. It also gives participants access to a wide network of expertise, resources, and global communities of practice. Additionally, participants in this program will be able to use their newly acquired skills to lead training programs for mentees on lesson planning, communicative language teaching, and up-to-date, research-based English language teaching strategies.

The one-year program launched with the first part of the TESOL Core Certificate Program, the online course *Foundations of TESOL*. Mentors will participate in an in-person specialty course, *Teaching and Assessing Adolescent Learners*, in the spring of 2023. A teaching practicum with virtual coaching component will follow the two facilitated courses. The TESOL Core Certificate Program is a 140-hour internationally recognized certificate. The grant program will culminate with a Training for Trainers online course, followed by local cascading of knowledge from the program.

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“The Regional English Language Office of the U.S. Embassy in Delhi is delighted to be able to fund this amazing project, bringing together the expertise of TESOL International Association in support of these three cohorts of highly committed English teacher mentors from Punjab, Telangana and Chandigarh,” noted Ruth Goode, Regional English Language Officer.

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