

Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

2017/18 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Program Description

TRU's Teaching English as a Second Language is a 15-credit Post-Baccalaureate Accredited program designed to prepare students to instruct in ESL programs both nationally and internationally. The (TESL) program is delivered either in one semester full-time or a maximum of three semesters part-time. Our TESL program includes 195 instructional hours and a 20-hour supervised practicum for a total of 215 hours, this provides students with the practical knowledge and hands-on experience in class to teach English as a second or foreign language. The components of the program introduce students to the core topics of pedagogical grammar, curriculum design and instruction methodology, cross cultural communication, as well as Language Acquisition, Assessment and Pronunciation Skills, which promote currency in the field of ESL teaching. At the completion of this program, graduates will receive a TESL Certificate from Thompson Rivers University and are eligible to apply for TESL Canada Level 1 (Interim) certificate. Visit the program website for more program information <http://www.tru.ca/edsw/esl/tesl.html>.

Intake Date

This program offers two intakes per year, a third SUMMER-May to August intake may be offered depending on interest. The program is *limited to a class size of (15) students*.

- FALL – September to December
- WINTER – January to April

Educational Admission Requirements

- All applicants *must have completed a university degree (any discipline) before entering this program*.

Applicants *whose native language is not English* must provide proof of English language competency. Specifically, such applicants must meet one of the following:

- IBT (Internet Based TOEFL) score of 88 with a minimum score of 20 in each area (or) completed ESAL 0570/0580 with 80% minimum.
- IELTS Academic 6.5+ with a minimum score of 6.5 in each area (6) English credits, including both literature and composition.

Refer to English Language Proficiency Requirements <http://www.tru.ca/campus/admissions/international/admission-requirements.html>.

Additional Program Requirements

Upon receipt of the application, all prospective students will be contacted to complete a short informational interview. We encourage all prospective students to apply early to ensure class space, and particularly space for the practicum is available.

NOTE: TRU students with 90 credits toward their degree may also begin taking the program; however, credits toward the TESL certificate may not be used toward their undergraduate degree.

How to Apply

1. Apply online through the Education Planner BC website at <https://applybc.ca/tru.jsp#landing-start-application:applybc> (credit card payment required) or use the TRU (pdf) paper application at <http://www.tru.ca/admissions/apply.html>.

2. **\$28.12** application fee for Canadian Citizens Permanent Residents.

3. **\$100.00** application fee for International applicants (*requires a Study Permit*).

Applications submitted without payment of the applicable fee will not be processed.

4. Submit official Post-secondary transcripts for all institutions previously and or currently attending.

Next steps

TRU Admissions will notify applicants within 2 to 3 weeks of having received their application. Once we have reviewed your complete application, we will notify you of the admission decision.

Selective Admission Process

Applicants selected for admission will be notified in writing by TRU Admissions and will be required to submit payment of a \$500.00 commitment fee by a specified date to reserve their seat. Non-payment of the commitment fee will result in forfeiture of the seat offer.

Have Questions?

Visit our website FAQ – Frequently asked questions, such as program costs, visit the Q&A link at <http://www.tru.ca/edsw/esl/tesl/faq.html>. For TESL course information <http://www.tru.ca/edsw/esl/tesl/courses.html>.

Support Services

Additional information for various TRU support services, including Disability Services, Counselling, Sponsorship, Student Awards and Financial Support and Housing can be found at www.tru.ca.

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