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So You Want To Be an ESL Teacher

What do I need to do to be a recognized ESL instructor?

TESL Professional Certificate: Standard One:
➤ Completion of an undergraduate degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
➤ Completion of a TESL Canada Recognized TESL Training Program which includes:
   o 100 hours of theory and methodology
   o Supervised practicum of 20 hours (10 hours observation and 10 hours teaching)*

TESL Professional Certificate: Standard Two:
➤ Completion of an undergraduate degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
➤ Completion of a TESL Canada Recognized TESL Training Program which includes:
   o 250 hours of theory and methodology
   o Supervised practicum of 50 hours (30 hours observation and 20 hours teaching)*

TESL Professional Certificate: Standard Three:
➤ Completion of a Master's or Doctoral degree in TESL or equivalent from a Canadian institution which is a member in good standing in Universities Canada
➤ Demonstrated background in adult education
➤ Completion of a supervised practicum of 50 hours (30 hours observation and 20 hours teaching)*

*For details regarding specific criteria, please see:
https://www.tesl.ca/images/Membership/TESL_CANADA_INSTRUCTOR_CERTIFICATION_MANUAL_FINAL_251018.pdf

What is TESL Canada?

TESL Canada is the national body that provides:
➤ Professional certification for ESL instruction for adults in Canada.
➤ Training opportunities and conferences
➤ *TESL Canada Journal* publication
➤ https://www.tesl.ca/

Note: Members of ATESL (Alberta Teachers of ESL) are automatically members of TESL Canada.

Why do I want a TESL Professional certificate?

➤ **TESL Canada** provides a standard that is recognized by many ESL providers in Canada and internationally.
➤ Being certified as an ESL instructor opens more opportunities for employment both in Canada and abroad.
➤ Being a TESL certified ESL instructor allows you to mentor practicum students; thus, increasing your own employability.

Where can I find a TESL Canada recognized program in Alberta?

	Program	Certificate
Calgary	Bow Valley College, combined online program https://bowvalleycollege.ca/programs-courses/careers-in-immigrant-advancement/ace-tesol-certificate	Standard 1 Certificate
	Global Village CELTA Calgary, in-class program https://celtacalgary.com/	Standard 1 Certificate
	University of Calgary, Continuing Ed, online and in-class programs https://conted.ucalgary.ca/public/category/courseCategoryCertificateProfile.do?method=load&certificateId=3081675	Standard 1 and 2 Certificates
	University of Calgary, Master's in Applied Linguistics, in-class program https://slllc.ucalgary.ca/graduate/graduate-program-linguistics	Standard 3 Certificate
	University of Calgary, Werklund School of Education offers two different Master's programs eligible for TESL certification: MEd Specialist in TEAL, online program MA in Language and Literacy, in-class program https://werklund.ucalgary.ca/graduate-programs	Standard 3 Certificate
Edmonton	Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, in-class program http://emcn.ab.ca/corporate/programs/language/advanced_consulting_for_tesol.html	Standard 1 Certificate
	NorQuest College, online program https://www.norquest.ca/cal/current/program/teaching-english-as-a-second-language/	Standard 1 Certificate
	University of Alberta, Diploma Program A, in-class program https://www.ualberta.ca/educational-psychology/diploma-programs/teaching-english-as-a-second-language/faqs	Standard 2 Certificate
	University of Alberta, Master's in TESL, in-class program https://www.ualberta.ca/educational-psychology/graduate-programs/teaching-english-as-a-second-language/masters-program	Standard 3 Certificate

The list of TESL-recognized training programs is subject to change. For the most current list of approved training institutions, see: https://www.tesl.ca/training/tesl-canada-recognized-teacher-training-programs/recognized-teacher-training-directory.html

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