

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM – ONLINE TESOL

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Founded in 1996, Western Town College boasts two campuses: one in spectacular Vancouver and the other in the cosmopolitan city of Toronto. Western Town College attracts students from around the world. With an enrollment of more than 2000 international students every year, WTC is on the leading edge of English language instruction in Canada. Western Town College offers a wide range of programs of study including ESL (English as a Second Language), TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other Languages), TYC (Teaching Young Children), Interpretation and Translation, TOEFL and TOEIC, University Preparation Program, International Marketing, Hospitality Management, International Trade and Business Communication.

(1) DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM – ONLINE TESOL

Western Town College is a leader in teacher training programs. We have been training international students for more than a decade. Offered at WTC's Vancouver and Toronto campuses, our classroom-based TESOL program is an intensive 250-hour teacher training program taught over an eight-week period with additional 4 week practicum.

Western Town College is pleased to announce the launch of its new Distance Learning Program – Online TESOL a teacher training program for advanced international students or fluent speakers of English wishing to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Western Town College's Online TESOL Program is equivalent to our classroom-based program. Students who complete the course will possess the skills necessary to help them find a job teaching English in their native countries. It is also ideal for foreign teachers who would like to work towards perfecting their English skills and fluency as well. Our Online TESOL Program features video lectures taught by a team of professional instructors. The program of studies offers a balanced curriculum featuring both the theory and practice of English language teaching. Graduates are awarded the TESOL Certificate from Western Town College.

Our Online TESOL Program is based on the Communicative Approach to ESL training. The course covers in this program is as follows;

Unit 1. Theories of Language Acquisition & Methods of Language Teaching (6 weeks)

- Section 1. Theories, Introduction
- Section 2. Theories, Behaviourism
- Section 3. Theories, Innatism
- Section 4. Theories, Interactionism
- Section 5. Theories, Cognitivism
- Section 6. Theories, Humanism
- Section 7. Teaching Methodology, Introduction
- Section 8. Teaching Methodology, The Grammar Translation

Method

- Section 9. Teaching Methodology, The Direct Method
- Section 10. Teaching Methodology, The Audio-Lingual Method
- Section 11. Teaching Methodology, The Silent Way
- Section 12. Teaching Methodology, Desuggestopedia
- Section 13. Teaching Methodology, Community Language Learning
- Section 14. Teaching Methodology, Total Physical Response

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Unit 2. Classroom Management (2 weeks)

- Section 1. Introduction
- Section 2. Groupings and seating arrangements
- Section 3. Learning styles and Learner needs
- Section 4. Motivation
- Section 5. Classroom management styles

Unit 3. Planning a Lesson (2 weeks)

- Section 1. Lesson Planning
- Section 2. 14 Points in Planning a Lesson

Section 3.	Two ways of planning a lesson
Section 4.	Example Lesson Plan
Unit 4. Discourse Analysis (Usage of Language) (1 week)	
Section 1.	Discourse Analysis
Unit 5. How to Teach Pronunciation (2 weeks)	
Section 1.	Introduction
Section 2.	Manner of Articulation
Section 3.	Pronunciation Lessons
Unit 6. How to teacher Vocabulary (2 weeks)	
Section 1.	Three aspects to vocabulary
Section 2.	Aspects of meaning
Section 3.	Concept Questions
Unit 7. How to Teach Grammar (4 weeks)	
Section 1.	Introduction
Section 2.	MFP Practice
Section 3.	Concept Questions
Section 4.	Grammar Presentation Techniques
Section 5.	Controlled Practice
Section 6.	Less Controlled Practice
Unit 8. How to Teach Receptive Skills (2 weeks)	
Section 1.	Reading
Section 2.	listening
Unit 9. How to Teach Productive Skills (2 weeks)	
Section 1.	Speaking
Section 2.	Writing
Unit 10. Discipline in the Class(1 week)	
Section 1.	Introduction
Section 2.	Reacting to problems

The Online TESOL Program features lectures delivered by the teaching staff at WTCeach of which holds university degrees and TESL Canada recognized English language teaching credentials. Our qualified teachers are passionately committed to the highest standards of education, and we believe that this commitment is evident throughout the program. Because effective English language teachers must be knowledgeable not only about the language, but also about current concepts and

trends in education, our video lectures and accompanying coursebook contain the most comprehensive and relevant information about language teaching today.

(2) DISTANCE LEARNING

The Internet allows us to bring the classroom to students and students to the classroom. Of course there are advantages and disadvantages associated with distance learning. On the one hand, Online courses make study accessible to those living far from schools and colleges, in remote areas or other countries. Distance education also works well for those with irregular work schedules who cannot attend a training centre, or those who have family responsibilities and cannot afford the time required to attend a school or college. Onlinestudy offers a self-paced, self-directed, independent style of learning that many students find appealing. Moreover, distance education is usually less expensive than campus-based education. On the other hand, distance education is thought to have disadvantages. Some students claim that Online learning results in a loss of direct interaction between the teacher and the other students, a loss of direct, immediate feedback, a loss of motivation, and a high rate of failure and drop-out.

Because Online learning is a different experience than learning in the classroom, we have designed Online TESOL to be interactive so students can get the most benefit from the lectures and assignments. As students work through the program, they will have opportunities to communicate with other Online students in the Forum. Furthermore, each student is provided a WTC teacher-trainer instructor who is available by e-mail and forum to help with any questions or concerns students may have.

(3) ONLINE TESOL PROGRAM DESIGN

Online TESOL has been developed and filmed in Vancouver, British Columbia. The program and system is completely designed and built by Western Town College from the ground up. The course teaches current North American teaching styles and methods that can be applied to English language classrooms all over the world. Substantial Onlinecourse content is coupled with an authentic practicum to provide students with a complete education in current teaching methodologies. Students receive a study package of course materials and work with a teacher-trainer tutor throughout the program. Our TESOL tutors are highly trained, experienced professionals dedicated to the highest standards of teaching.

Online TESOL consists of a number of video lectures that students can watch whenever it is convenient for them. While they watch each lecture, students are instructed to pause the program and complete the worksheets. When they restart

the lecture, the teacher goes over important points to ensure that students have understood the material before proceeding. At the end of each unit, students prepare assignments to be submitted to their tutor in Vancouver. These assignments are then graded and returned to students.

(4) WHY WESTERN TOWN COLLEGE'S ONLINE TESOL PROGRAM?

- ◆ Proven leader in teacher training
- ◆ Created with state-of-the-art system and cutting edge technology
- ◆ Combined advantages of distance learning and conventional classroom presentations
- ◆ Rich content: Almost 20 hours of video, a 250-page workbook, numerous worksheets, written assignments, and practicum
- ◆ Experienced, qualified teacher-trainer instructors to help students
 - ◆ Freedom and challenge of independent study
 - ◆ Low-cost, high-quality education
- ◆ Flexible start dates: Students can begin at any time (it is recommended that students complete the program in 6 months. However students have up to one full year to complete the course)

Western Town College's Online TESOL Program makes teacher training available to aspiring English teachers around the world. This Program gives students the knowledge and training they need to succeed in the field of English language teaching. Whether students want to make English teaching their new career, improve their qualifications for accreditation or advancement in teaching English, or just be well-prepared for opportunities to teach English internationally, WTC's Online TESOL Program can help students reach their goal.

(5) Information

For application forms or general information, visit our website at www.wtccanada.com. For specific program information, please contact Kim Downey, Online TESOL Head Instructor (kimD@wtccanada.com or call (604)844-7660.) Be sure to discuss any concerns you may have about studying by distance with the Program Coordinator before applying to the Program. This can be done by phone, fax, or e-mail.

(6) Online TESOL Program Fees

The total fees for the program are W1,200,000. The fee covers the cost of the study package and teacher-trainer tutor for the entire Online TESOL Program.

(7) Admission Requirements

- ◆ An undergraduate university degree or under graduate students who are enrolled at fully accredited university or college
- ◆ English Language Proficiency Requirement: TOEFL: Minimum score of 530 on the Paper-based Test, 197 on the Computer-based Test, or 71 on the iBT