Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate Program

Program Description
Are you interested in teaching English to speakers of other languages? As Billings and Montana increase international connections, more people will need and want English language proficiency. This program will allow individuals to acquire the knowledge and pedagogical strategies unique to working with English Language Learners. It features highly qualified instructors teaching courses in language and culture, linguistics, second language acquisition and teaching/assessment methods.

Who Should Enroll
Current educators who have students whose first language is not English. Educators who teach international students needing assistance learning English in order to read and understand the content area being taught. Or those who are interested in teaching in any setting, domestic or international, where the first language is not English.

Eligibility Requirements
Participants must have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. Undergraduate students may be considered on a case-by-case basis (consult with the Program Coordinator).

Accelerated
This certification is quickly attainable through the completion of four courses, 12 credits, taken over one year during three terms (summer, fall, spring).

Unique
The only 12-credit TESOL certificate program in Montana. Students are part of a year-long cohort, allowing for a supportive environment both in person and online. All credits earned may be built into a plan of study for the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Interdisciplinary Studies.

Accessible
Courses are hybrid (both online and face-to-face). Face-to-face sessions occur on Friday and Saturdays during the summer and Saturdays during fall and spring allowing busy working professionals to participate.

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Program Cost

Total Tuition and Fees: $2,971 (application received by 4/1/17)
$3,071 (application received by 5/1/17)

Additional costs may be incurred with course-related textbooks and/or materials. Traveling and housing costs will be incurred for out-of-town students. Meals are not included. (MSUB Housing and meals plans will be available for an additional cost.)

Financial Aid

Federal and State financial aid is not available for this certificate program. However, you may qualify for a private loan. To learn more about this option, please see http://www.finaid.org/loans/privatestudentloans.phtml

Earning the Certificate

To earn the certificate, students must enroll in and successfully pass each of the four courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) per course and an overall four-course GPA of 3.0 (B).

Program Schedule

This is a hybrid program; some work will be done face-to-face at MSU Billings and some online. All face-to-face sessions are from 9 am to 4 pm and are mandatory to successfully completing the certificate program.

Summer
EDCI 540 Language, Culture & Pedagogy
June 9 - August 4, 2017 (8 weeks)
Face-to-face Sessions: June 9, July 7, Aug. 4
LING 494 Linguistic Survey
June 10 - August 5, 2017 (8 weeks)
Face-to-face Sessions: June 10, July 8, Aug. 5

Fall
EDCI 541 Second Language Acquisition
September 9 - November 4, 2017 (8 weeks)
Face-to-face Sessions: Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4

Spring
EDCI 542 Methods, Assessment & Eval
February 17 - April 28, 2018 (10 weeks)
Face-to-face Sessions: Feb. 17, Mar. 24, Apr. 28

To Apply

- Provide a copy of your transcripts documenting an undergraduate degree.
- Complete the program application (found online).
- Send to: lgittingscarlson@msubillings.edu

Or mail to:
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Instructors

Program Coordinator, Dr. Anita Prabhakar holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in TESOL from Barry University, Miami. She earned two Master's degrees in English Language Education and TESL from English and Foreign Language University, India. Anita's teaching interests are in the areas of TESOL and ESL.

Dr. Elena Petroska earned her BA, M.S. and Ph.D. in Macedonian, South Slavic, Polish and English languages from the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. Her primary research interests are in the field of semantics, pragmatics, ethnolinguistic and second language acquisition.

Dr. Carol Lombard is a PhD graduate with specialization in linguistics from the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa. Carol has an M.A. with specialization in Sociolinguistics and two B.A. degrees in Linguistics and English from the University of South Africa. She maintains a special interest in sociolinguistics, forensic and cognitive linguistics.

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