Apply Online

All applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent and teaching experience is not required. The online application consists of the following:

- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Current CV or resume
- Official transcripts
- $50 application fee
- $125 administrative fee for international applicants only
- TOEFL, CPE, or IELTS test score for non-native speakers
- Admissions interview, if necessary

Application Deadline

Full-time Summer: March 1
Part-time Fall/Spring: August 1

To start your application, go to tc.edu/apply

What Do Alumni Say About the TCP?

“My return on investment doubled because of the classmates and faculty I met during this program.”

-TCP ‘17

“This has been a great experience and a terrific program, from start to finish. What a privilege to be in school with great teachers and fellow students! I feel well prepared to begin teaching.”

-TCP ‘18

“The program has been life changing and the best option to reinvent myself. I have loved every aspect of this program with New York City as the backdoor.”

-TCP ‘19

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Program Overview

Innovative Blended Learning

Online + Onsite

The TESOL Certificate Program is offered in a blended-learning format, with the first half offered online and second half of the program offered on-site at Teachers College, Columbia University. During the on-site portion, students will apply theoretical and practical skills by co-teaching ESL in the Community Language Program. Students can choose between two program options:

- A part-time Fall/Spring program running from October to April
- An intensive, full-time Summer program from May to August.

Program tuition: $6,800

5 Reasons to Pursue TCP at Columbia

1. Develop your TESOL career at a globally recognized elite institution.

2. Establish a firm foundation in current English teaching methodologies through a rigorous, graduate-level curriculum, comparable to the MA degree program.

3. Maximize your learning through online course management.

4. Practice teaching in our Community Language Program and receive personalized guidance by senior mentor teachers.

5. Experience additional professional training, resources, and networking opportunities to support your career plans.

"The TCP has been a truly rewarding experience. The program is rigorous and challenging, which makes it rewarding and worthwhile even as most students have other jobs or commitments outside of the program."

TCP ‘18-19

Discover a Rewarding Career in TESOL

TCP graduates go on to pursue job opportunities as varied as their backgrounds. Some travel overseas, while others find work in non-profit English programs and for-profit language schools in the United States.

To help students achieve their goals, the TESOL Certificate Program provides a variety of career development resources and opportunities including:

- A career planning workshop
- Post-Certificate Teaching Associate Award to teach ESL in the Community Language Program at Teachers College
- Membership to a TESOL jobs listserv for domestic and interactional opportunities