

# Teaching Chinese as a Second Language

## TCSOL Certificate & Post Graduate Diploma PGD

Nowadays foreigners to China and its diverse culture more and more realize the importance of Artistic, Business and Cultural communication with this major section of the world. Since the Hong Kong take over of China and Open Business Concept introduction in China, hundreds of thousands of Westerners as well as other Asians have started doing business with China. Hence the Mandarin Chinese official language has become an important tool of business and cultural exchanges for all foreigners willing to work with China or Chinese communities in various countries outside China. To add to that importance, is the need of preserving Mandarin language among the new Chinese communities' youngsters and children around the world. Education Canada College ECC is the global founder of TCSOL certification program since 1995. Today TCSOL is offered in Canada, USA & China through ECC and Universal American University. Teaching the rules of Chinese grammar & Conversation can be extremely challenging without the proper training. Since native Chinese speakers learn grammar incidentally, many Chinese teachers find it easy to make grammatical corrections but difficult to explain the grammatical rules behind them. Teaching Chinese TCSOL



Certificate or Post Graduate Diploma Program provides you with a thorough understanding of different aspects of grammar and enables you to learn the techniques to teach this subject effectively in a classroom. This course introduces new concepts set in advancing Chinese language education in a more interesting, practical and fun tone to provide students with a better learning experience.

### **Certification** (12 credits)

- 300 Hours TCSOL/TCSL Certificate Program completed in 3 to 4 months.
- In **Canada** through Education Canada College [www.educationcanadacollege.com](http://www.educationcanadacollege.com)
- In **USA** through Universal American University [www.uamu.org](http://www.uamu.org)
- In **China** Online through [www.uamu.org](http://www.uamu.org)
- Pre-requisite is completion of High School in USA, Canada or China. Quebec applicants are required to complete their CEGEP- College studies.

### **Post Graduate Diploma PGD** (34 Credits)

- 600 Hours PGD Program completed within 6 to 9 months of registration.
- In **Canada** through Education Canada College [www.educationcanadacollege.com](http://www.educationcanadacollege.com)
- In **USA** through Universal American University [www.uamu.org](http://www.uamu.org)
- In **China** Online through [www.uamu.org](http://www.uamu.org)
- Pre-requisite is completion of two years University level studies, or completion of TCSOL Certificate Program.

**TCSOL Credits are applicable toward Bachelor & Master Degree in Education through UAMU**

## **Online & Correspondence:**

All programs offered at Education Canada College “ECC” and at Universal American University “UAMU” may be conducted through online education. Theoretical aspects of the courses can be conducted online while the experience part will be conducted in one of our international representative schools. ECC & UAMU currently have over 365 representatives world wide that will be accessible to our correspondence/ online students.

## **Course Objective**

In completion of “*Teaching Chinese TCSOL*” Module, applicants will:

- Perfect their own grammar & conversation skills and be encouraged to develop a holistic approach to teaching grammar & conversation;
- Be able to identify common grammatical errors for Chinese language students and learn strategies to communicate proper techniques in an integrated and enjoyable manner as well as developing communication tasks for students.
- Learn a vast array of grammar teaching, conversation activities and lesson plans.
- Develop a list of resources for use in their classrooms.

## **Recommended Background**

Applicants should be native speaker and have a basic understanding of Chinese grammar through high school and/or University/College education. A non native speaker can only attend this class after successfully passing the required “Chinese Language Proficiency Exam” CLPE before the commencement of the course. CLPE is the United Nation’s & North American Chinese language evaluation equivalent to Chinese University Language Evaluation CULE recognized by China Ministry of Education.

## **Course Content**

- Reviewing grammar & conversation skills by identifying and attempting to repair some common errors
- Testing knowledge of various aspects of grammar, vocabulary and being introduced to a vast array of entertaining conversation teaching activities
- Considering options available for teaching grammar, conversation & vocabulary and evaluate communicative approaches in teaching.
- Be introduced to various types of resources and learn how to combine these resources in an integrated manner
- Strategies for designing different types of units including “Icebreaker” Lesson Plan
- Receive an evaluated online resource list.

## **Course Evaluations**

In this module students will complete readings, personal reflections, unevaluated exercises and an assignment that consists of 100 multiple-choice questions. Evaluation is also based on completed assignments, research papers and lesson plans. Students may earn honour distinctions in this module by scoring an average of 95% or higher on the multiple-choice test.

## Course Materials

- Teaching Chinese Course Book ( McGill University Publishers)
- Teaching Chinese Assignment Booklet.
- Focus on Chinese.
- Online resources and library.
- Teaching Methodologies Manual. (TESOL Publishers)

## Employment Opportunities

Students graduating from TCSOL/ TCSL Certificate is a program that involves teaching to adult schools and corporations. Business teaching skills is also included in this program. Certificate program includes Adult language education as well as Business language skills.

Students who achieve the TCSOL/TCSL Post Graduate Diploma will be able to work for foreign enterprises willing to exchange businesses with China either in main land China or abroad, working with individual CEOs or Directors of companies; and last not the least to teach Chinese to Chinese community children who may not have attended Chinese educational schooling system outside China. Grammar & Conversation are the basic components in every language classroom and Chinese teachers will often have their skills be evaluated in the interview process. Being proficient in teaching both grammar & conversation will open doors to many employment opportunities and will allow graduates to teach students of all ages. PGD Program includes Adult education, Corporate Business language, Academic language skills and Teaching to Children.

For more information about Registration, Course fees and application process please contact our applicable admissions offices.

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