Teaching Korean as a Second Language

TKSOL Certificate & Post Graduate Diploma PGD

Nowadays foreigners to Korea 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 Seoul Olympics & Korea World Cup & with Korea’s Open Business Concept introduction to foreign investors in Korea, hundreds of thousands of Westerners as well as other Asians have started doing business with Korea. Hence the Korean official language has become an important tool of business and cultural exchanges for all foreigners willing to work with Korea or Korean communities in various countries outside Korea. We refer to both North and South Korea as a united people and united language “Korea” as we strongly believe regardless of politics surrounding the issue, this will happen soon. To add to that importance, is the need of preserving Korean language among the new Korean communities’ youngsters and children around the world. Education Canada College ECC is the global founder of TKSOL certification program since 1995. Today TKSOL is offered in Canada, USA & Korea through ECC and Universal American University. Teaching the rules of Korean grammar & Conversation can be extremely challenging without the proper training. Since native Korean speakers learn grammar incidentally, many Korean teachers find it easy to make grammatical corrections but difficult to explain the grammatical rules behind them. Teaching Korean TKSOL 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 Korean language education in a more interesting, practical and fun tone to provide students with a better learning experience.

Certification (12 credits)

- 300 Hours TKSOL/TKSL Certificate Program completed in 3 to 4 months.
- In Canada through Education Canada College www.educationcanadacollege.com
- In USA through Universal American University www.uamu.org
- In Korea Online through www.uamu.org
- Pre-requisite is completion of High School in USA, Canada or Korea. 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
- In USA through Universal American University www.uamu.org
- In Korea Online through www.uamu.org
- Pre-requisite is completion of two years University level studies, or completion of TKSOL Certificate Program.

TKSOL 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 Korean TKSOL” 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 Korean 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 Korean grammar through high school and/or University/College education. A non native speaker can only attend this class after successfully passing the required “Korean Language Proficiency Exam” KLPE before the commencement of the course. KLPE is the United Nation’s & North American Korean language evaluation equivalent to Korean University Language Evaluation KULE recognized by South-Korea 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 Korean Course Book (McGill University Publishers)
- Teaching Korean Assignment Booklet.
- Focus on Korean.
- Online resources and library.
- Teaching Methodologies Manual. (TESOL Publishers)

Employment Opportunities

Students graduating form TKSOL 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 TKSOL Post Graduate Diploma will be able to work for foreign enterprises willing to exchange businesses with Korea either in main land Korea or abroad, working with individual CEOs or Directors of companies; and last not the least to teach Korean to Korean community children who may not have attended Korean educational schooling system outside Korea. Grammar & Conversation are the basic components in every language classroom and Korean 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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