

# “Teaching English To Children “ “TEC Certificate”

## (TEC Module A & B)



Many overseas teaching positions involve teaching children, a unique experience that is both challenging and fun. Compared to adults, children are more energetic, have shorter attention spans and learn language according to specific stages of development; this presents challenges for the teacher. The key of teaching English to children is to understand the principles of language acquisition and applying it in ways to keep children motivated to learn. **Eighty hours** (2 months) of Teaching English to Children TEC certificate expands upon teaching philosophies examined in the standards of TESOL Canada Post Graduate Diploma Program, and will prepare you to design and implement curriculum specifically for young learners of varying ages and skill levels. Program includes both theoretical and experimental training in children day care, day camp and primary schools. Theory section is completed Online and Practical section is completed in an affiliate centre near you. Theory and Practical sections can be taken independently. Students will get a chance to experience first hand working with different levels of young learners. The “TEC Specialized Certificate” program is designed for students who have completed a general TESOL Certificate and wish for further specialization in teaching children. *(Also available for Teaching French & Spanish to Children, TFC & TSC)*

## TEC Certification Program Length: (TEC Module A)

- 80-Hours (2 months) **Theory Module**. Specialization in Teaching English to Children **TEC Certificate**.
- 100-Hours (2 months) **Practical Module**. Experimental learning through volunteer teaching positions in kids centre where language teaching is applicable.

## Online / Correspondence:

All Diploma programs offered through TESOL Canada intutional members may be conducted by correspondence/ online which may take a longer time period to complete. Theoretical aspects of the courses can be conducted correspondence/ online while the experience part will be conducted in a representative school or an affiliate centre of TESOL Canada in your area.

## Pre-requisites

- For Module A. Completion of 150 hrs General Module **TESOL Certificate** Program.

## Course Objective

In completing the TESOL Canada *Teaching English to Children* Modules, you will:

- Gain a theoretical and practical overview of how to teach ESL to children;
- Examine the work of child development theorists.
- Investigate ways of incorporating the “*Children Language Acquisition*” methods, ideas and methodologies within your own school curriculum;
- Gain a better understanding of how to teach phonics;
- Learn where to find useful teaching resources and materials.
- Experience teaching to different levels and ages.

## Recommended Background

No previous working experience with children is required to take this course. Students should possess enthusiasm for childhood learning and development.

## Course Content (Theory)

- Special considerations for teaching English to children
- Investigation of theories of child development and learning
- Introduction to multiple intelligences and learning disabilities
- Approaches to planning units and structuring lessons for children
- Teaching specific skills: vocabulary, listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and literacy development
- Innovative and interesting activities specifically designed to keep children interested
- Examination of proactive classroom management techniques and classroom management issues specific to teaching children
- Critical review and evaluation of teaching resources (books and websites)

## Course Evaluations

In this module students will complete a multiple-choice assignment based on all sections of the course book and corresponding textbook readings. A student may earn an honor distinction in this module by scoring an average of 95% or higher on the multiple-choice test.

## Course Materials

- Teaching English to Children Course Book
- Teaching English to Children Assignment Booklet
- New Parade Level 1 Teacher's Edition, Mario Herrera & Theresa Zanatta, 2000
- New Parade Level 1 Student's Edition, Mario Herrera & Theresa Zanatta, 2000



## Employment Opportunities

Students who achieve the TESOL/TESL Diploma with Specialization in Teaching English to Children will have the opportunity to teach in many educational institutes. English as a second language is being introduced at a young age and therefore has become an essential part of schools curriculums and activities outside of the classroom such as: after-school programs, day camps and private tutoring sessions. Having the ability to engage a group of young learners in fun activities that will instill new skills is an extremely valuable qualification for teaching positions both in Canada & abroad.

## Tuition Fees

TESOL Canada Membership is \$300. Members of TESOL Canada can enroll in this course for free. TEC Certificate program taken independently is \$950 for non-members of TESOL Canada.

(Shipping and handling fees along with textbooks and material fees are extra)

To apply please complete the attached application form or an online application form at [www.tesolcanada.org](http://www.tesolcanada.org)

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.