

## Teaching Spanish to Speakers of Other Languages “TSSOL Certificate Program”



### TSSOL Post Graduate Diploma & Certification (Module A & B)

Spanish is the primary language of more than 20 countries on four continents and spoken by over 500 million people worldwide. Spanish is the second most studied language in the world and is the second language for international communication. Globalization, particularly in the U.S.A, Canada, and Mexico (due in part to the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA]), has elevated the increasing importance of being able to communicate with citizens from other countries. In North America, Hispanic consumers are the fastest-growing market segment. Professionals in the corporate world to authorities in education and healthcare are rapidly learning to speak Spanish. During the past decade, the demand for Spanish language courses worldwide has almost tripled. The TSSOL Post Graduate Diploma & Certification Program provides our students with a thorough understanding of different aspects of grammar & conversation skills enabling them to learn the techniques needed to teach this subject more effectively in a classroom or online.

### TSSOL Certification Program (Module A)

- 250-Hours: General Module **TSSOL Certificate** with Specialization in Teaching Spanish to Speakers of Other Languages.
- *General TSSOL Certificate Theory is 100 hours and the TSSOL Certificate Practical Experience is an additional 150 hours*

### TSSOL Post Graduate Diploma Program Length (Module B)

- 500-hour course to be completed within eight months at one of TESOL Canada’s member institutions
- Includes 150 hours of the **General Module TSSOL Certificate** along with 350 hours of additional experienced Post Graduate TSSOL Diploma Program
- **Correspondence / Online:** All Diploma programs offered through TESOL Canada may be conducted by correspondence/ online. Theoretical aspects of the courses can be conducted correspondence/ online while the experience portion must be completed at a representative school of TESOL Canada in your region.

### Pre-requisite:

- For Module B, completion of the 250 hour General Module **TSSOL Certificate** is required
- For Module A, Completion of 2 years College/ University Education or a Bachelor Degree is required.

## **Course Objective**

In completion of the *TESOL Canada Teaching Spanish TSSOL* Module, students 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, learn strategies to communicate proper techniques in an integrated and enjoyable manner.
- Develop communication tasks for students.
- Learn strategies for designing different types of units including an “Icebreaker” Lesson Plan.
- Learn a vast array of entertaining lesson plans to incorporate grammar and conversational activities.
- Learn how effectively teach students of various ages.
- Learn how to become a motivational and operative instructor.
- Develop a list of valuable resources to use in the classroom.
- Develop a great deal of knowledge regarding teaching methodologies including the current methodology that is the most recognized; Communicative Language Teaching (CLT).
- Have experience in an interview setting (Grammar & Conversation are the basic components in every language classroom and Spanish teachers will often have their skills be evaluated in the interview process).

## **Recommended Background**

Applicants should be native speakers and have a basic understanding of Spanish grammar through high school and/or University/College education. Non-native applicants will be admitted based on results of the TESOL Canada Spanish Proficiency Exam.

## **Course Evaluations**

Students will complete readings, personal reflections, assignments and a final exam consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. Students may earn honor distinctions in this module by scoring an average of 95% or higher on the multiple-choice exam.

## **Employment Opportunities**

Students who achieve the TSSOL/TSSL Post Graduate Diploma are able to work for many prestigious positions around the world. Several of our TSSOL graduates work for foreign enterprises and corporations across the world which exchange businesses with Spanish speaking nations. Our graduates hold various prestigious positions and work with individual CEOs, Directors of companies and government agencies. Many large companies are contracting the services of a private teacher to teach their executives Spanish; these types of positions have doubled over the past decade. According to *Business week*, more students studying for an MBA in the US and Canada are choosing to become trilingual by learning English, French, and Spanish. The positions available for Spanish teachers are abundant, both locally and abroad.