



TESL•FLTC Program

- SpringHills TESL provides 132 hours of instruction, including on-site observation and practicum, for people of native or near-native English proficiency but without prior language teacher training who wish to obtain a qualification to teach English or another language. Our TESL certificate is TESL Canada recognized.
- SpringHills FLTC is a Foreign Language Teaching Certificate for people who would like to teach a language other than English. This course is usually combined with the TESL course but the students who are planning to teach another language will do their lesson planning, grammar, practicum, etc. geared towards their target teaching language. Often students would like to do a dual certificate program for both English and their other language. This is possible, but in this case, the student will complete all assignments in both languages.

SpringHills TESL is intended for prospective and currently uncertified teachers of English. SpringHills FLTC is intended for prospective and currently uncertified teachers of languages other than English. (Unless specifically indicated, the language of instruction in the program is English; so all participants must have substantial proficiency in English in order to apply to SpringHills TESL•FLTC.)

FLTC and TESL students often share a common class session. The program is 132 hours in length. Tuition is \$1295, plus approximately \$100 for texts. If students are doing a combined TESL/FLTC program of study the cost is \$1750 this covers the extra costs for second practicum and teacher time spent on extra assignments. Our starting point syllabus, which we adapt to meet the specific needs and objectives of particular class groups, includes the following topics:

- An Orientation to TESL•FLTC
- Pedagogy - what is teaching/learning?
- Power, culture and the socio-political contexts of second language instruction
- Adult learning principles
- Roles of teachers and students
- The experience of learning a foreign language
- Second language instruction (SLI) methodologies
- Historical overview of SLI methodologies
- Curriculum and syllabus - approaches/design
- Lesson planning
- Communicative/Learner-centered language teaching
- Learning and teaching styles
- Multi-level classrooms, group dynamics, class management
- Teaching across cultures - verbal/non-verbal/inter-cultural communication
- Sociolinguistics and discourse theory
- Teaching language within contexts
- Teaching in the target language - 'immersion'



- Teaching the skill areas:
 - *reading & writing*
 - *listening & speaking*
 - *pronunciation*
 - *grammar, syntax, morphology*
- Feedback and correction in SLI
- Realia and resources
- classroom texts, materials, audio/video, computer resources
- music, games, drama
- SLI for children
- Student assessment - placement, evaluation, testing
- Private/individualized classes
- Teaching in Canada and abroad - opportunities in Asia, Latin America, Mexico
- Classroom observation/assisting (18 hours)
- Practicum (12 hours minimum)

SpringHills TESL•FLTC Application Process

We look for motivated, enthusiastic people with an affinity for our textured approach to language instruction and with cross-cultural sensitivity and/or experience. Applicants should possess a university degree, college diploma or equivalent, including demonstrated undergraduate-level competency in oral and written English (Canadian Language Benchmark 9). After their written applications are reviewed, qualified applicants receive an application interview with SpringHills staff, after which the admission decision is made.

Please note that SpringHills is recognized by TESL Canada for the SpringHills TESL Certificate. Successful TESL graduates who hold an undergraduate university degree will receive a SpringHills TESL Certificate recognized by TESL Canada. While SpringHills may accept candidates who do not hold an undergraduate degree, the certificate issued to those candidates upon successful completion is not recognized by TESL Canada.

Upcoming sessions

Part-time evenings

- 2 evenings per week in class for thirteen weeks, with practicum (minimum 12 hours) to follow

Full-time days

- 4 days per week in class for seven weeks, with practicum (minimum 12 hours) to follow



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SpringHills TESL•FLTC Appeal Process

Please note that SpringHills has in place an appeal process, in the case that a candidate's TESL•FLTC instructor has assessed that s/he have not successfully met these requirements, but the candidate disagrees with this decision.

In order to utilize the appeal process, once the candidate has received the final assessment, h/she should submit a letter to the SpringHills TESL•FLTC Appeal Committee describing in detail the reasons for the appeal. The committee will review this letter and the candidate will be invited to attend a committee meeting to discuss the appeal. Following this meeting, the committee will render its decision, which is final.

The SpringHills TESL•FLTC Appeal Committee is composed of a SpringHills Director who was not your primary TESL•FLTC instructor, a member of Springhill's Board of Advisors holding TESL credentials, and a current instructor at SpringHills.

Refund Policy

A teacher candidate is entitled to a 100% refund of fees if s/he withdraws before 10% of class instruction has been completed, and a 50% refund if withdrawal occurs before 20% of class instruction has been completed. There is no refund for withdrawal after 20% of classroom instruction hours have been completed, but at SpringHills' discretion, a candidate may be given a credit for fees paid to be applied to fees for a future session.

For further information, to receive our syllabus or an application form, please contact us by mail, phone or e-mail:

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