

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching English Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) prepares educators to work with English learners in both U.S. and international contexts. Coursework provides students with knowledge of applied linguistics, language acquisition theories, and methods of teaching. Students have opportunities to apply foundational concepts in TESOL through critical discussions about issues facing English learners in today's classrooms and direct experiences in classrooms in and around the nation's capital. Dual enrollment options enable students to earn the Graduate Certificate as part of selected Masters programs.

Visit the program website (<https://gsehd.gwu.edu/programs/graduate-certificate-teaching-english-speakers-other-languages-tesol/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Spring, Summer, Fall - Rolling Admissions

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations (preferably one from a faculty member and the other from a professional supervisor)

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. A list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services is available online.

Statement of purpose: In an essay of 250 to 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the George Washington University, describing your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned in the application.

Additional requirements: A resume is required.

International applicants only: Please review International Applicant Information (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements>) (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/>) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Graduate Admissions  
Graduate School of Education and Human Development  
The George Washington University  
2136 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20052

### Contact for questions:

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9:30 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 12 credits in required courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
CPED 6551	Second Language Instructional Methods	
CPED 6556	Linguistic Applications in English as a Second Language	
CPED 6557	Second Language Acquisition	
CPED 6627	Teaching Second Language Reading and Writing	