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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The writing, rhetoric, and discourse (WRD) department offers a graduate certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), which may be completed by students seeking certification or are enrolled in an existing DePaul graduate program. Made up of courses in the programs of writing, rhetoric, and discourse, bilingual-bicultural education, English and modern languages, the certificate prepares students to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to adult learners in the United States and abroad. The certificate also may be attractive to faculty at non-U.S. institutions who wish to come to the U.S. for education in working with second language learners.

CURRICULUM

(4 courses, 16 quarter hours)

In addition to the 16 quarter hours, students also are required to complete 20 hours of field experience with adult ESL learners.

The 16 credits include one course each in the following areas: theory, methods, sociolinguistics and language structure. Together, these courses will build students' competencies in the major elements of second language teaching.

Theory: Courses in this area explore the major theories of language learning and teaching, providing students with an important theoretical foundation to inform teaching practice. Course options include:

- BBE 466 First and Second Language Acquisition
- BBE 510 Advanced Language Seminar (when topic is relevant)
- BBE 526 Theoretical Foundations in Teaching ESL
- MOL 454 Theoretical Foundations and Current Research in Second Language Acquisition
- WRD 512 Topics in Language (when topic is relevant)

Method: Courses familiarize students with pedagogical approaches and strategies for teaching second languages to adult learners, preparing students for the practical applications of language teaching. Course options include:

- WRD 543 Teaching ESL Writing
- WRD 544 Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language
- WRD 550 Topics in Teaching Writing & Language (when topic is relevant)

Sociolinguistics: Courses explore the relationship between language and society, examining the ways in which dimensions such as region, gender, race, class, politics, and globalization affect language and language use. Course options include:

- BBE 510 Advanced Language Seminar (when topic is relevant)
- WRD 507 Global Englishes
- WRD 514 Sociolinguistics

Language Structure: Courses examine the structures of the English language with an emphasis on teaching these structures to learners. Course options include:

- ENG 400 Structure of Modern English
- ENG 401 History of The English Language
- ENG 408 Stylistics
- ENG 478 Topics In Teaching: Grammar For Teachers*
- WRD 512 Topics in Language (when topic is relevant)
- WRD 546 Pedagogical Grammar

*Counts for TESOL credit only with this subtitle

Field Experience: Students will complete 20 hours of field experience, gaining experience working with adult language learners.

Students completing the master's in bilingual-bicultural education can complete the certificate program by taking their theory and sociolinguistics courses in BBE and their methods and language structure courses in WRD; must complete all requirements for the BBE program to receive the graduate degree. Students in the Master of Arts in English (MAE) may complete their language and structure requirement in English; any two additional courses from the list above will count for credit in both the MAE and the TESOL certificate. Students in the MA in WRD, a maximum of two courses (8 credits) from MOL or BBE may be counted as credits toward the MA in WRD degree.

Students who are concurrently completing any other graduate work at DePaul must work with their graduate director to determine if TESOL certificate courses will count toward their degree requirements.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and students may begin the program at the start of any academic quarter. The program is open to both non-degree seeking students and students concurrently enrolled in a DePaul graduate degree program. All applicants must hold a bachelor's degree.

To apply, please submit the following:

- Completed online application (go.depaul.edu/apply); application fee is waived for all current DePaul students
- Official transcripts from all previous college course work
- A personal statement (300-500 words) describing their interest in the program, prior experience in TESOL or related fields, and professional goals for pursuing the certificate

Students educated outside of the U.S. must present proof of English proficiency. The university requires a minimum TOEFL score of 80 on the TOEFL iBT, 213 on the computer-based test or 550 on the paper-based test. While applicants who meet the university minimum will be reviewed, most graduate programs prefer TOEFL scores of at least 96 on the TOEFL iBT, 243 on the computer-based test or 590 on the paper-based test. A minimum 7.5 on the IELTS may be submitted for this requirement.

HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at go.depaul.edu/apply. Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to graddepaul@depaul.edu directly by the issuing institution. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

The Office of Graduate Admission

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
DePaul University
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: go.depaul.edu/TESOL
Email: graddepaul@depaul.edu
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Please note the information provided is current as of October 2014 and is subject to change.