

TEFL/TESL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM – GRADUATE

University of South Alabama – College of Education and Professional Studies

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED: 15

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| ELT 545 | Cross-Cultural Understanding** | | 3 | _____ |
| LNG 500 | Introduction to Applied Linguistics | | 3 | _____ |
| LNG 510 | Applied Linguistics | | 3 | _____ |
| ELT 525 or LNG 496 | Practicum or Internship | | 3 | _____ |

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**EDF 515 Education in a Diverse Society may be substituted with permission of the program coordinator if ELT 545 is not offered.

Who can apply?

Candidates for the graduate certificate must be enrolled in the Graduate School. Students who would like to pursue the TEFL/TESL certificate independent of a degree program can make an application online. Interested individuals will need to have a bachelor's degree.

How to Apply to the TEFL/TESL Certificate:

TEFL/TESL Certificate

The University of South Alabama offers Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)/ Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. English teaching overseas is in high demand. This career requires, at minimum, a certificate attesting to the qualifications of the job candidate.

Careers with a TEFL/TESL Certificate

TEFL and TESL are both certifications for teaching English to non-native English speakers. There are hundreds of jobs listed every day for TESL/TEFL instructors internationally. If you are looking for an opportunity to live overseas and learn a new culture, a TESL/TESL credential qualifies you for jobs that allow you to live and support yourself in many countries by teaching English to children and adults. Jobs are located all over the world. There is a tremendous demand for qualified English as a Foreign Language instructor in Asia, the Middle East, Oceania, Eastern Europe and Latin America. There are online opportunities as well. A TEFL/TESL Certificate also opens up job possibilities in teaching English in adult English programs in the U.S.

Admission Requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Official transcripts* can be sent by mail or electronically. [Instructions can be found under "Help" on the application.](#)

USA students applying to a USA graduate program in the College of Education and Professional Studies should complete a [transcript request form \(PDF\)](#) found on the University Registrar's Of1 (g)-6.3 (y)-8.9 (R)-3.1 (r)-4.7.T(F)-2.8 ()JEMC g[]9mJEpa Uy R