



## University of Cambridge CELTA

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### **What is CELTA?**

CELTA stands for “Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults”.

CELTA is the best-known and most widely-taken TESL/TESOL/TEFL qualification of its kind in the world. CELTA is awarded by Cambridge ESOL, part of the world-renowned University of Cambridge.

Key facts about CELTA:

- Each year, over 10,000 teachers successfully complete a CELTA course
- Over 280 approved centres in 54 countries provide almost 900 CELTA courses per year
- All CELTA courses are based on specifications designed by Cambridge ESOL
- Each and every CELTA course is evaluated by an external assessor, appointed by Cambridge ESOL
- LSC Toronto has actively been running CELTA courses in Toronto since 1996, making it the longest-standing course of its kind in the city

Visit the University of Cambridge site for more CELTA information at:

<http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/teaching-awards/celta.html>

### **Who is CELTA for?**

Trainees from a wide range of backgrounds take the CELTA to satisfy different objectives.

Most trainees are people:

- Wanting to start a career in teaching English, in Canada or abroad
- Looking for a career change
- Wanting to obtain a formal qualification to match their teaching experience

Candidates for the course are usually over 20, with a university degree in progress or completed. The majority of trainees are native-speakers of English but non-native speakers may also qualify if they meet the required standards.

To be eligible for the CELTA, individuals must:

- be at least 20 years old
- have gained university entrance qualification
- have appropriate awareness and understanding of the structure and function of English, and
- have a command of spoken and written English that will enable them to undertake the course and prepare for teaching a range of levels

## Why CELTA?

**It's simple – there's only one CELTA.** No other TESL/TESOL/TEFL teaching qualification has the same degree of international recognition and acceptance as the CELTA.

Wherever trainees take the CELTA, course content and standards are the same. This allows potential employers worldwide to be confident that CELTA graduates can perform at the desired level in the classroom. For this reason, your CELTA certificate opens doors to greater employment opportunities both at home and abroad.

## CELTA = Employer Recognition and Confidence = Job Offers

CELTA courses are designed to give you a solid grounding in both the theoretical and practical aspects of teaching English. With class size limited to a maximum of 12 candidates with 2 trainers, you have lots of opportunity for attention focused on your needs as a trainee.

CELTA gets you started on the right path. After completing your CELTA, you will feel competent to walk into a class, knowing you have solid awareness of both the theoretical and practical aspects of teaching English as a second/foreign language.

## How does CELTA compare to other TESL/TESOL/TEFL courses?

Compare the CELTA with other courses available in Toronto and discover why the CELTA is your best investment.

Question	CELTA
Is it well-known internationally?	YES
Does it function under the auspices of a world-leading university?	YES
Is it recognized by TESL Canada?	YES
Does it qualify you to teach at a school that is a member of Languages Canada?	YES

**Courses that say they are “CELTA-based” are trying to take advantage of the recognition value of the CELTA but are not providing the real thing.**

## Course Features

The full-time, 4-week CELTA course:

- Is intensive and requires a full-time commitment
- Involves a minimum of 120 hours with additional time required for preparation and assignments
- Follows the Cambridge CELTA syllabus and provides practical and professional awareness of learners, language, methodology and materials
- Develops practical ability in classroom management, lesson planning, introduction and practice of new language
- Develops practical ability in teaching listening, speaking, reading and writing skills

## **CELTA Course Content**

The CELTA involves lectures, workshops, teaching practice, observations, and other assignments.

One of the key distinguishing features of CELTA is the **supervised teaching practice component (TP)**. In TP, your trainer observes you teaching students in an actual ESL/EFL class and then provides you with detailed feedback on how to enhance your teaching performance. In the eyes of many employers, it is this element that makes the CELTA such a valuable certificate.

### **Lectures and Workshops on Language Teaching**

This comprises about half the course time, with about 3 hours a day devoted to the basic principles and methods of language learning and teaching.

Topics include:

#### *Learners*

- Cultural and individual needs of learners
- Approaches to learning difficulties
- Motivation of adult learners

#### *Language Awareness*

- The English language: form, function, meaning and phonology
- Analysis of the English language for teaching purposes

#### *Materials*

- Course books, supplementary materials and special interest texts
- Reference works for teachers and students

#### *Classroom Management and Lesson Planning*

- Creation of a suitable learning environment and atmosphere
- Planning appropriate individual lessons and series of lessons for a range of levels

#### *Introducing and Practising New Language*

- Selection of language items suited to students' needs and levels
- Presentation, practice, checking learning, error analysis and correction

#### *Developing the Skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing*

- Use of a wide range of techniques to develop the 4 skills individually and in an integrated fashion

### **Teaching Practice**

Teaching practice accounts for approximately 2 hours per day, with trainees teaching graded classes of volunteer students under trainer supervision. One trainer is assigned to each group of a maximum of 6 trainee teachers. Teaching practice also includes analysis of and reflection on teaching practice sessions; and individual and group tutorials to monitor progress of participants. Trainees teach at 2 distinct levels during the course.

### **Observation**

Six hours per course are devoted to observation. As part of the course, trainees observe classes taught by experienced teachers.

### **Preparation and Assignments**

This consists of background reading, four written assignments, lesson preparation and preparation of teaching and learning materials. There is no final examination.

## **Class Size**

A maximum of 12 trainees is accepted on each course.

## **CELTA Course Trainers**

There are two course trainers for each group of 12 teacher trainees. All course trainers are approved by Cambridge ESOL.

## **Assessment**

Assessment is continuous throughout the course and is based on performance in teaching practice, the quality of lesson plans and accompanying materials, and the quality of the four written assignments submitted.

## **University of Cambridge ESOL Certification**

Successful candidates receive the Cambridge CELTA – Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults, awarded by the University of Cambridge, England. The certificate states the grade received on the course. The course tutors provide successful candidates with a written report detailing their performance on the course.

## **Commitment to Equal Treatment**

Cambridge English Language Teaching and CELTA are based on the principle of open and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of gender, marital status, sexual orientation, creed, colour, race, ethnic origin, age or disability.

## **TESL Canada Certification**

Successful CELTA graduates possessing a university degree may apply to TESL Canada for certification. Non-native CELTA graduates who wish to obtain TESL Canada certification must provide proof of English language proficiency by providing documentation of one of the following test scores:

Test	Minimum Test Scores
IELTS	6.5 overall
TOEFL	CBT 213 / Paper 550 with TWE 5 and TSE 60
MELAB	85 with speaking test score 4
Can Test	Listening, reading, writing 5 and speaking 4.5
CEALS	Band 80 overall with 70 in writing and speaking

These minimum scores are for TESL Canada Certification only. Eligibility for a CELTA course is available only to native speakers of English and those whose English is of native-speaker level.

## **Employment Opportunities with the CELTA**

Having a CELTA certificate, along with a university degree, is your guarantee for employment world-wide. It is highly regarded in all countries and in some countries it is the standard qualification for employment as an English language teacher.

CELTA graduates find jobs in private language schools in Canada and abroad, at colleges and universities, at international elementary and secondary schools, doing in-house corporate English lessons, with humanitarian organizations involved in overseas projects and with such reputable agencies as the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) programme.

For information on recognition of teaching certificates generally in Canada, visit the TESL Canada site at [www.tesl.ca](http://www.tesl.ca). For recognition of teaching certificates in Ontario, visit the TESL Ontario site at [www.teslontario.com](http://www.teslontario.com).

Here are a couple of important points about job opportunities with a CELTA:

- If you do not possess a completed university degree, even with a CELTA, you will not qualify for employment at any of the Canadian language institutes, either public or private, that are members of Languages Canada – you may qualify for employment with private language schools that are not members of Languages Canada
- With a university degree and a CELTA, you will not normally qualify for employment with public-sector institutions that require their teachers to have TESL Ontario certification – such institutions generally receive government funding or provide LINC training

You may also see alternate names for the CELTA such as RSA, CTEFLA or Cambridge qualifications. To research jobs currently available around the world, here are some websites where you can start your search:

<http://www.daveseslcafe.com>

This site is popular for jobs in Canada, the USA and Asia.

<http://www.tefl.com>

A great website for a wider job search including Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East.

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/browse/education/tefl/index.jsp?>

Part of the Guardian newspaper published in the UK. A good place to find jobs in Europe.

## 2009 Course Dates and Tuition Fees

Course Number	Start Date	End Date	Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars
Course 1	February 2	February 27	\$2300
Course 2	March 2	March 26	\$2300
Course 3	April 6	May 1	\$2300
Course 4	May 4	May 29	\$2300
Course 5	June 1	June 25	\$2300
Course 6	July 6	July 30	\$2300
Course 7	August 4	August 28	\$2300
Course 8	September 8	October 2	\$2300
Course 9	October 5	October 30	\$2300

*Due to the limited number of spaces available on each course and the time necessary for candidates to complete the pre-course assignment, all candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their completed applications at least a full month before the start date of each course.*

## Application for the CELTA

Applicants must submit the Application Form and the Pre-interview Task. Those applicants who successfully complete the pre-interview task will be contacted for a personal interview. Acceptance into the course is determined following the interview.

## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

Visit the LSC site at [www.lsc-canada.com/celta](http://www.lsc-canada.com/celta).

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