

Essentials of TESOL

5th – 30th January 2026

Aim

The purpose of this micro-credential is to provide a basic knowledge of the field of TESOL and supervised practice in applying that knowledge through teaching in a community-based classroom situation.

Outcome

On successful completion of this micro-credential, you will be able to use your theoretical knowledge of current ESOL teaching and assessment methodology, practical skills of lesson and classroom management, and knowledge of online resources for teaching specific groups and programmes, to teach ESOL in a culturally responsive manner both in New Zealand and internationally.

Length

This is an intensive four-week course at Level 5 (12 credits). Successful applicants will be required to complete pre-course assignments which include readings and observation reports of two different ESOL classes taught by qualified and experienced ESOL teachers.

Assessments

1. Practicum assessment: 2 x 45-minute teaching sessions with ESOL students. (70%)
2. Pre-course written assignments (2), based on reading of a course textbook. (20%)
3. Oral class presentation, with a written copy for the assessor, evaluating resources on two websites for teaching and professional development. (10%)

Trainers

A team of qualified instructors with extensive cross-cultural experience specialising in teaching and training teachers to effectively teach ESOL.

Costs

Course Fees	NZ\$1,850.00
Accommodation (subject to availability)	NZ\$180.00 per week

Admission

- Teaching experience is helpful but not necessary
- Commitment to service
- For those whose first language is English, applicants need to have either:
 - i. Completed any course at level 5 or equivalent on the NZQCF
 - ii. Or: Passed NCEA Level 3 or equivalent in English.
- For those whose first language is not English, there are three entry pathways:
 - i. If your secondary-level education was completed in an English-speaking school, you can be admitted under the same requirements as those for whom English is their first language, as outlined above
 - ii. Or: If you have completed a minimum of a two-year diploma at level 6 on the NZQCF or equivalent in an English-speaking/teaching tertiary institution
 - iii. Or: If you have achieved an IELTS score of 7 overall.

Registration

Please complete and return the registration form by email to office@eastwest.ac.nz.

Closing date: Friday, 26 September, 2025

Limited to 6 participants for focused group learning.

Acceptance

You will be notified of the outcome of your registration by Friday, 3 October.

If accepted, you will receive an enrolment form, payment instructions and detailed course information through email. A non-refundable payment of 50% of the course fees is required within one month of your acceptance notification.