



45-HR BASIC TEFL PROGRAM FAQ

FAQ 1. Does the Basic TEFL allow me to work at my own pace?

Yes. The Basic TEFL has been designed to provide participants with maximum flexibility and the opportunity to complete all course discussions and activities at their own pace. There are, of course, deadlines for completing each of the programs seven modules as well as the program itself. However, each content module allots a four day period in which participants can access and complete course activities 24-hours a day according to their own convenience. Participants can always work ahead and, in the case of special circumstances, instructors have the ability to extend or modify deadlines as needed.

FAQ 2. Do I need a high speed internet connection to participate in the Basic TEFL?

No. The only requirement for participation in the online Basic TEFL program is a reliable internet connection. Obviously, a high speed (DSL or cable) connection will allow certain materials to be downloaded faster. However, a dial-up connection is entirely sufficient for full and active participation in all course components.

FAQ 3. Is any special hardware or software required to participate in the Basic TEFL?

No. There are no special hardware requirements for participation in this course. Additionally, you should not be required to download any new software. Nonetheless, access to the university's secure web-server requires that your internet browser and media player is updated with the most recent security encryptions. If you would like to check your browser's compatibility with the university of Arizona online course platform, you may do so here:

http://academic.d2l.ttc.arizona.edu/d2l/tools/system_check/systemCheck.asp?ou=6725

FAQ 4. Can I add an observational & teaching practicum to my Basic TEFL coursework?

Yes. The online Basic TEFL has been designed to prepare you as comprehensively as possible given its web-based instructional format. Nonetheless, local participants are strongly encouraged to strengthen their classroom preparation and pedagogical training through an optional 20-hr practicum at the Center for ESL. This practicum provides participants with additional preparation and experience through direct observation and supervised teaching of an ESL class.

FAQ 5. Can I find a job with a Basic TEFL Certificate?

Yes. The Basic TEFL Certificate is an internationally recognized basic English teacher certification. It provides access to thousands of entry-level TEFL positions all over the world. Although the Center for ESL does not provide direct placement services, we are happy to assist you in finding an appropriate position. Please browse our TEFL job links to learn more:

<http://www.cesl.arizona.edu/EFLTeachingOpps.htm>

FAQ 6. Is there a difference between the Basic TEFL & the Full TEFL Program?

Yes. The 45-hr Basic TEFL program is intended as an entry-level TEFL certification for individuals who plan to teach English abroad in a short-term or voluntary capacity. It is often an ideal form of teacher preparation for those interested in the field of TEFL, yet not necessarily prepared to make it their long-term profession. The 100-hr Full TEFL program is intended as a comprehensive TEFL Certificate program for both novice and in-service teachers and often serves as a follow-up course to Basic TEFL graduates. It has been designed for individuals who plan to teach English abroad in a long-term and professional capacity.