

Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Alberta Routes

Tip Sheet 10

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TESL Canada is the national body that provides:

- Professional certification for ESL instruction for adults in Canada.
- Training opportunities and conferences

TESL Canada provides a standard many ELL providers recognize in Canada and internationally. Being certified as an ELL instructor creates more opportunities for employment both in Canada and abroad. It includes a mentor practicum component, thus increasing employability.

Note: Members of ATESL (Alberta Teachers of ESL) are automatically members of TESL Canada.

TESL Professional Certificates

Standard One:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Completion of a TESL Canada Recognized TESL Training Program, which includes:
 - 100 hours of theory and methodology
 - Supervised practicum of 20 hours (10 hours observation and 10 hours teaching)

Standard Two:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Completion of a TESL Canada Recognized TESL Training Program, which includes:
 - 250 hours of theory and methodology
 - Supervised practicum of 50 hours (30 hours observation and 20 hours teaching)

Standard Three:

- Completion of a Master's or Doctoral degree in TESL or equivalent from a Canadian institution which is a member in good standing in Universities Canada
- Demonstrated background in adult education.
- Completion of a supervised practicum of 50 hours (30 hours observation and 20 hours teaching)

TESL Program in Alberta

Standard	School	
	Calgary	Edmonton
1	<u>Bow Valley College</u>	<u>NorQuest College</u>
	<u>University of Calgary</u>	
2	<u>University of Calgary</u>	<u>University of Alberta - Educational Psychology</u>
3	<u>University of Calgary - Master's in Linguistics</u>	<u>University of Alberta - Master's in TESL</u>
	<u>University of Calgary - Werklund School of Education</u>	

Alberta Routes Workshops

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