



Plymouth State
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Why TESOL?



Are you interested in other cultures? Would you like to teach, or expand your existing teaching skills? Are you interested in languages or living overseas? If the answer is yes to any of these, then you should consider studying TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Plymouth State University. It is not necessary to be fluent in a second language to earn a graduate degree in TESOL.

There is a growing need within New Hampshire, throughout the country, and around the world, for teachers who are trained in TESOL to work with students whose primary language is not English.

English Language Learners (ELLs) are the fastest-growing segment of the New Hampshire public school population, and the New Hampshire Department of Education lists ESOL as a critical shortage area. The Department of Education in Washington reports a 60 percent increase in ELLs nationwide in the last decade, and predicts that by 2025, one-third of all students will not speak English when they begin kindergarten. There is a growing need for more teachers trained to work with these students.

In addition, there is a growing demand for teachers trained to teach English overseas. English has become the world's language of global communication; over 750 million people worldwide use it as their second language.

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES
TESOL



Why TESOL at PSU?

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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The Master of Education (MEd) in Language Education with a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) concentration prepares ELL teachers for professional positions in the United States or overseas.

Through this experiential and hands-on program, students take classes that blend theory and practice to gain a complete foundation in language teaching methodologies, language assessment, literacy, language acquisition, and linguistics for language teachers.

Our goal is to train progressive, student-centered, communicative language teachers, who value students' native languages and cultures, and who are comfortable using 21st-century technology in the classroom.

PSU's MEd in Language Education/TESOL, is fully accredited by the Department of Education in New Hampshire, as well as by the Council for the Accreditation Educator Preparation (CAEP).

TESOL makes an excellent stand-alone degree as well as an outstanding additional certification for those already in the classroom.

THREE TRACKS TO CHOOSE FROM

Our program offers three tracks, an [MEd with NH K-12 certification](#); an [MEd non-certification option](#) which focuses on teaching adults and working overseas; and a [NH K-12 certification-only program](#).

HOW MANY CLASSES AND IN WHAT FORMAT?

[Classes](#) are offered throughout the year in on-line and blended formats, in the evenings and on weekends. The coursework can be completed in as little as one year (four terms) or students can take classes on a part-time basis. With rolling admissions, you can begin the program at any time throughout the year.

WHO TEACHES IN THE PROGRAM?

[Professors](#) in the program are all highly experienced and licensed teachers, with a wealth of background in teaching ELLs from children through adults, and in training prospective ELL teachers, in the United States and overseas.