

Teach English as a Second Language



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Why choose TESL at TDSB?

Learn theories and methods for teaching English as a Second Language. Our program provides new approaches and practical activities, designed to build your confidence and prepare you for the classroom.

- Our program is TESL Ontario approved and certified.
- As Canada's largest ESL provider, we have the expertise, experience and knowledge of established best practices in addition to a thorough understanding of new approaches such as the ministry mandated portfolio-based language assessment process (PBLA).
- Gain classroom experience through a customized practicum placement, with current learners in our ESL program, throughout the year.
- Receive a Toronto District School Board TESL certificate, which is required for accreditation by TESL Ontario, upon successful completion of the program.

In this program you will:

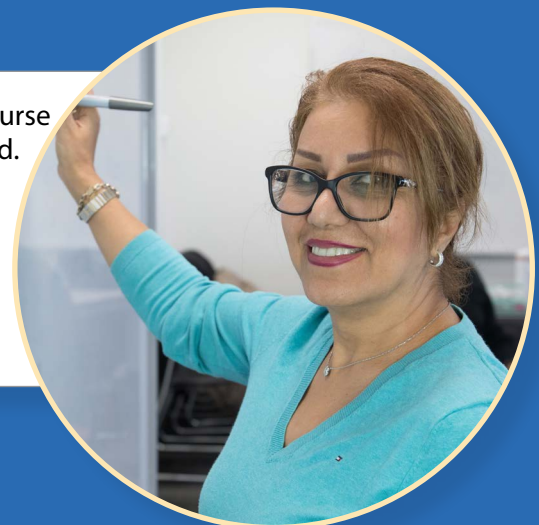
- Enhance your career opportunities.
- Learn to implement teaching methods tailored for English language learners.
- Increase your understanding of pedagogical issues.
- Explore theoretical approaches in an ESL context.
- Develop teaching strategies to help students gain proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, listening and pronunciation.

Admission Criteria

- University degree
- Proof of English language proficiency is required for non-native speakers
- No previous teaching experience required

Program Fees

- Tuition for 2023-24 is \$4,100 including HST. This includes all required course texts and materials. Payment may be made online by credit or debit card.
- Course fees are tax deductible.
- Tuition fees will be refunded to students who withdraw before the first class. However, a \$100 non-refundable processing fee applies.



Elaha Feda

"Having no prior teaching experience, I found that the TESL Program did well in providing the knowledge, tools and most importantly the hands-on experience I needed to enter this field. I am greatly thankful to the instructors and to my mentors, who guided me every step of the way!"



Sherfun Merani

"Being part of the TESL program with the TDSB was a wonderful experience. The quality of instruction, knowledge of pedagogy in combination with nurturing and supportive mentors made all the difference to my success in the program. The course instructors shared and provided me with a deep understanding of TESOL practices which I carry with me in my ESL classes".



Hours & Dates

270 hours in-class instruction and 50 hours of teaching practicum arranged by TDSB to accommodate your schedule (i.e. daytime, evening or weekend)

Course Dates: September 26th ,2023 to June 13th , 2024

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-9:30 PM and alternate Saturdays: 9 AM – 1 PM

Apply Today

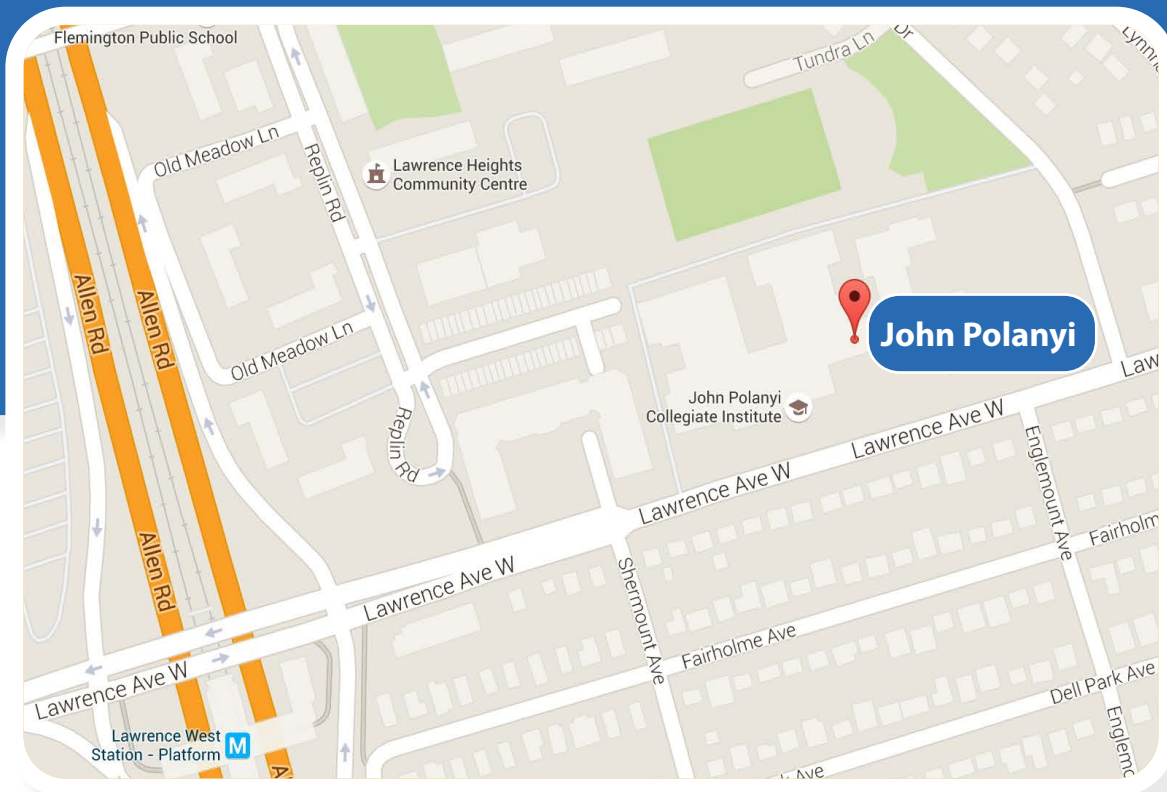
Classes will take place both in-person at John Polanyi Adult ESL Learning Centre and online depending on course content.

Please email your resume and cover letter to teslprogram@tdsb.on.ca. All eligible applicants will be interviewed.



Why get certified?

TESL Ontario accreditation enables you to teach English as a Second Language to adult learners in publicly funded language programs – such as those offered through school boards and community agencies - in addition to privately run programs.



John Polanyi Adult ESL Centre

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