

# Teacher Training

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If you want to work in English language teaching either in Britain or abroad, the Cambridge CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) is one of the most widely recognised and well-established ELT qualifications in the world.

Our four-week, full-time course is designed as an initial training for people (including both native speakers and non-native, advanced speakers of English) with little or no experience of ELT. It is an extremely practical introduction to the theory and methodology of English Language Teaching.

We have been a centre for Cambridge CELTA courses since 1989 and have established an excellent reputation for teacher training. Over 60% of our trainees come through personal recommendation.

We offer advice on everything from initial funding for the course to how to find a job once you have qualified.

#### **Course Teacher Trainers**

The course is staffed by a team of well qualified, very experienced teacher-trainers who are in close contact with developments in the ELT field and have overseas and UK teaching and training experience. Most of our trainers are also external assessors for other Cambridge CELTA courses.

### Language Studies International

LSI has 14 schools around the world and each year teaches over 10,000 students. LSI offers a wide range of programmes for adult and junior students as well as English Plus and English for Specific Purposes courses.

"My experience at LSI Brighton has been amazing, I would highly recommend it to anyone who is thinking of doing a CELTA. The tutors were an inspiration and fellow trainees were wonderful Thanks!"



#### **Details of the Course**

The course centres around gaining a total of six hours of real classroom experience, teaching multi-lingual students of English from day two onwards. As well as basic teaching skills, the syllabus also covers language awareness development, awareness of the learner, the principles of teaching, the use of appropriate resources and materials and continuing professional development.

There is also input on finding jobs and careers in English Language Teaching.

The timetable includes supervised lesson planning, six hours of supervised teaching practice, peer observation, feedback, weekly tutorial support, input sessions on the areas of the syllabus listed above and 6 hours of directed observation of experienced teachers.

Our day runs from 9am to 5pm, providing 140 hours of instruction and teaching practice.

We have courses with up to 12 trainees (a maximum of 6 trainees to one tutor, teaching at a minimum of 2 levels).

#### **Written Assignments**

During the course you have to complete some short assignments (up to an overall total of 4,000 words) on four topic areas: the learner, the classroom, language, and materials. These are spaced out over the course and you will be given clear guidelines and support.







### Assessment, Certificate and Report

There is continuous and integrated assessment throughout the course which covers all aspects of the syllabus.

Assessments are validated by an external assessor appointed by the Cambridge Certificate Committee who will come to observe on one day in the second half of the course. There is no other practical or written examination.

Candidates who fulfil the necessary criteria are awarded the Cambridge Certificate with Grade A, Grade B or Pass. Results will generally be issued within one week of the end of the course and certificates sent out on receipt from Cambridge. LSI will also give each candidate a detailed report with an assessment of their individual progress, performance and potential.

#### **Employment Opportunities**

As a long established teacher-training centre, we are regularly notified of overseas teaching posts available to newly-qualified Cambridge Certificate teachers and we give details to participants on the course. We also give a session on careers advice.

In general terms there are usually UK vacancies for teaching on summer courses and these could possibly lead to continued teaching work during the year. However most trainees gain their initial experience abroad and while contracts can start at any time of the year, September and January tend to be the busier recruitment times.

"I really enjoyed the course: The tutors are extremely knowledgeable and helpful. The guidance and feedback they gave us was invaluable. Before I applied for the course, the reception staff provided me with some useful information and were very friendly."

DANIELA ANTONELI

#### Sample Timetable for the First Two Days

	09.00-11.30	11.45-13.00	14.00-15.30	15.45-17.00	Homework
MONDAY	Introduction to the programme and the group	The teaching/ learning context, resources and visual aids	Introduction to the basic teaching skills classroom management	Teaching practice preparation/ introduction to teaching materials and levels of students	Prepare your first lesson. Review first day's input.
TUESDAY	Supervised teaching practice preparation	Teaching practice/ peer observation and feedback	The grammar of vocabulary/ ways of teaching vocabulary	Teaching receptive skills: reading and listening	Prepare your second lesson

### LSI Brighton

LSI Brighton is a year-round English language school which is accredited by the British Council. It is also a member of English UK, the Association of British Council Accredited schools.



The school has been a centre for a wide variety of English courses for overseas students of all age groups for over 35 years. We have a student population of up to 300 students from around 40 different countries. Our teachers are all qualified and experienced. This means you are training in an international environment in an ELT organisation with a reputation for quality. You will find a hardworking but friendly

and informal atmosphere. The school is convenient for all local facilities and accommodation can easily be arranged for you.

Brighton and Hove is a lively, cosmopolitan city on the south coast, only 50 minutes by train from London, and the school is situated in a residential area just 10 minutes by bus from Brighton city centre or 5 minutes walk from the centre of Hove.





#### **Facilities at LSI Brighton**

At LSI we provide all your basic teaching materials and equipment and support for the course on our e-learning platform.

The school has a large stock of materials with up-to-date course books, supplementary books, recorded material, and teaching aids for your use in the classroom. There are facilities including white boards, interactive whiteboards, computers, laptops for loan, projectors, DVDs and audio equipment.

There is also a well-stocked training library which contains the books recommended on the Cambridge Reading List, including multiple copies of the most essential texts.



16 modern classrooms



**E-Learning System** 



**Wheel Chair Access** 



Garden



Student Kitchen



**Student Microwave** 



**Ping Pong Table** 



On-site residence



**Maximum class size 15** 



Student lounges



**Student Laptops** 



**Free WIFI** 



**Good transport links** 

# **Entry Requirements**



#### To apply, you must meet the following requirements:

- Ideally be at least 20 years old at the start of the course (we will consider applications from students aged 18+).
- Have a standard of education which would allow entry to Higher education in your country. Minimum 2 "A" levels(or equivalent) in UK.
- Non-native speakers should be at least C1 (advanced) level and ideally have a recognised English language qualification (IELTS 8.0, CAE or CPE).
- Have an awareness of language and a competence in English, both written and spoken, that enables you to follow the course.

Previous teaching experience is not required, although some applicants may have general or ELT teaching experience and wish to consolidate their background knowledge and gain a widely-recognised ELT qualification.



All applicants are required to fill in the application form and do the pre-interview task. This is available from the school or on our website.

If your application is up to the required standard you will be asked to attend an interview in person (or via telephone or Skype), which lasts between 45 minutes and an hour.



