



## TESOL PROGRAMS

The Master of Arts in TESOL at West Chester University (WCU) is designed to educate and prepare candidates for a career teaching English to non-native English speakers. The program is interdisciplinary, and offers students courses through a variety of departments on campus including Languages and Cultures and English.

The Certificate in TESL provides an introduction into teaching English to speakers of other languages. The Certificate is primarily designed to qualify pre-certified teachers to teach ESL in Pennsylvania public schools, in cases where a primary teaching certification is already in place at the time of application. The program is 18-credits and can be pursued en route to the TESOL MA or as a standalone certification. The credits count towards the TESOL MA.

We prepare our students to address the factors and issues which inform second language education and to become highly capable instructors of English as a Second Language in a variety of contexts including public schools (PK-12). Our graduates have the skills necessary to function as effective language and literacy educators and community leaders among diverse populations both within the U.S. and abroad.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Faculty experts
- Affordable tuition
- Diverse field experiences (PK-12 contexts, ESL Community Outreach; intensive and community ESL Programs, etc.)
- Full- and part-time study options
- Opportunities for collaborative faculty research
- Personalized advising process
- Graduate student support programs
- Vibrant cultural experiences on campus:
  - International Festival
  - Global Hispanic Film Festival
  - Research Colloquium
- Study abroad options
- Teaching certification available
- ESL Program Specialist Certificate available (blended and online formats)

### OUTCOMES

The MA program is designed for students who wish to teach English to non-native speakers and/or plan to pursue doctoral studies in the areas of applied linguistics, second language studies, and education. The majority of our graduates can be found in the field of education in positions that include the following:

- English language instructor (at domestic universities and at universities and language academies abroad)
- Program coordinator for ESL programs
- PK-12 ESL specialist



**\$58,110**  
median salary  
for TESOL teachers



**7.5%**  
projected increase  
through 2026 in  
K-12 teaching positions



**\$11,490**  
Teachers with a master's degree  
make, on average, \$11,490 more  
per year than teachers whose  
highest degree is a bachelor's.

\$58,110 median salary and 7.5% projected increase statistics according to bls.gov  
\$11,490 more average salary statistic according to the National Center for Education Statistics

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application to the Master of Arts in TESOL program consists of the following:

1. Completed application
2. Official transcripts from every college and university attended
3. A written statement of professional goals
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Resume
6. Documented background in the following areas:
  - Minimum 2.80/4.0 undergraduate GPA
  - "Introduction to Linguistics" coursework (subject to approval). Applicants who do not meet this criterion will be offered provisional admission.
  - Proficiency in English. Non-native speakers of English must submit a TOEFL score of 92 or IELTS score of 6.5
7. Teaching Certification (if planning to teach ESL in PA public schools)

Applicants may apply online with a rolling deadline at: [www.wcupa.edu/applynow](http://www.wcupa.edu/applynow).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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