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## CENTRE OF ENGLISH STUDIES



# CELTA

## Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages



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# Introduction

## Centre of English Studies: Who are we?

Centre of English Studies (CES) was established in 1979 and is the oldest language school in Dublin. Over the last 40 years we have won an international reputation as one of the leading English language schools in Ireland. We offer year round language courses for adults and summer language courses for young adults, with students from more than 35 countries around the world. CES is officially recognised by the Irish Department of Education (QQI ACELS) and is a founder member of MEI-RELSA (Marketing English in Ireland/Recognised English Language Schools Association). CES is recognised as a full member of IALC (International Association of Language Centres) and EAQUALS (European Association of Quality Language Services). CES is an award winning school, having won the Language Travel Magazine's "Best English Language School in Europe Award" in 2007.

## What is the CELTA?

The University of Cambridge CELTA course is the most recognised introductory teacher training qualification both in Ireland and internationally. Please see [www.cambridgeenglish.org](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org) for further information. This certificate ensures you are provided with an insight into the professional life of a functioning school and brings you into direct contact with overseas learners. This certificate is now the benchmark qualification for employment in the quality EFL sector in Ireland and abroad.



"I really enjoyed the CELTA course at CES. The excellent trainers passed on a range of skills and techniques which I can use on an everyday basis with my EFL students"

*Mark P, CELTA course: 2018*

The CELTA certificate entitles the bearer to teach the English language to non-native speakers both in Ireland and abroad. It is the minimum requirement for employment in the recognised sector in Ireland. Due to increased standardisation of English language teaching certificates, it is often the minimum requirement for teaching abroad too.



# Frequently asked questions

## What does the timetable consist of and what is the course content?

You will be given a course timetable as well as a course handbook during the first input session. The course will cover the following areas.

- » **Teaching Practice Sessions** - teaching classes of mixed-nationality students at a given level
- » **Classroom Observation** - observation of classes given by experienced teachers, including videos
- » **An introduction to E.FL.** - information on EFL in Ireland and abroad
- » **Language Awareness** - introduction to grammar, syntax and vocabulary
- » **Lesson Planning**
- » **Creative Teaching** - using song, drama and role-play to teach adults and children
- » **Authentic Materials** - using and adapting authentic materials
- » **Language Skills** - integration of the four skills (reading, writing, speaking & listening.)
- » **Methodology** - modern approaches and methodology to language learning
- » **Classroom Management** - group dynamics, teacher/student interaction
- » **Error Analysis** - understanding how learners learn and the mistakes they make
- » **Materials Evaluation** - choosing and adapting course books

"The CELTA course greatly improved my teaching skills and thoroughly prepared me for the EFL classroom".

*Caroline J, CELTA course: 2018*

There are designated self-study periods set aside during the course when you can work alone on your portfolio or forthcoming teaching practice sessions. 100% attendance is strongly recommended.

## How much teaching practice is involved and is it with genuine language learners?

On a 120+ hour teacher-training course, you need to teach 8 times for a minimum of 360 minutes teaching practice. All teaching practices take place within the school with classes of a maximum of 14 students per class. Each session will last 40 minutes or 1 hour. The students in the class are all learning English as a foreign language and you will be informed of their level prior to the class so that you can prepare accordingly. Levels taught are Pre-Intermediate to Upper Intermediate. Your trainer will be present to monitor the class and give both oral and written feedback after the teaching practice. All teaching practice sessions must be attended.

## Is teaching observation included?

Throughout the course, you will be given the opportunity to observe a minimum of six hours of experienced teachers teaching at a variety of levels. Some of these observations may include watching a video of a teacher in a lesson. You will be required to complete all observations.





## What is a portfolio and why do I need it?

A portfolio is your personal record of what you have learnt on the course and clearly illustrates your development as a teacher. It contains all material related to your teaching practice, your lesson plans and materials prepared throughout the course and 4 assignments. It is a valuable document to show to prospective employers. CES cannot award a certificate unless all components of the portfolio are completed. The deadline for the portfolio is on the final Friday of the course.

## What will I be able to do at the end of the course?

By the end of the CELTA course at CES, the successful candidate should be able to do the following: -

- » Plan clearly staged lessons which lead to the achievement of teaching objectives.
- » Effectively implement these lesson plans by teaching classes appropriate to the level and language needs of language learners.
- » analyse language for the purposes of teaching and understand basic EFL terminology

- » Evaluate and adapt materials, authentic or otherwise, available for teaching various aspects of EFL.
- » Understand how learners of different nationalities learn and effectively facilitate this process.
- » Understand classroom management theory and be able to put it into practice.
- » Be familiar with current practices in teaching English as a foreign language.

“As the CELTA course is recognised both in Ireland and abroad, it has opened up new career opportunities I didn't think were possible”.

*John C, CELTA course: 2018*

## How will I be assessed?

Although you have to work in small groups, your evaluation and assessment is carried out on an individual basis by our team of trainers and is based on the following: -

- » Teaching practice which takes place throughout the course
- » A portfolio, which will be completed and submitted on the final day of the course

Successful candidates will get a certificate in CELTA awarded by Cambridge English Language Assessment on the basis of their performance according to the course requirements.

