

SQA PDA Introduction to Tutoring ESOL Information sheet

1. This is a recognised qualification. Please see the SQA website:
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/42442.html> . Once you have completed the two units, you are considered qualified to tutor ESOL in Scotland or elsewhere.
http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/PDAITESOLLonginformationsheet140610.pdf
Language and Learning in ESOL (F43X 33). This covers: • Factors affecting ESOL learning • Lexical, grammatical and phonological aspects of the English Language • Language Skills • Factors affecting language selection in ESOL tutoring.
Assessed by: written assignments on ESOL learning and contexts, and on language selection, plus a closed book test on language and language skills.
Developing ESOL Tutoring Skills (F43W 33) This covers: • Strategies for managing an effective learning environment • Planning ESOL sessions • Selecting and designing appropriate tasks and resources.
Assessed by a portfolio, consisting of classroom observations, a learner profile, and records of tutoring sessions.
This qualification helps develop skills for: • volunteers and tutor assistants, who tutor or intend to tutor, ESOL learners or work with them in other capacities • teachers of other subjects working with students who are ESOL learners • community learning and development workers with ESOL responsibilities • anyone interested in ESOL teaching who may want to consider further qualifications at a later stage. This is an introductory course, so you are not expected to have any previous experience in the field.
Our courses qualify for ILA funding or part-time fee grant through SAAS. If you earn less than £22,000 a year, you could get up to £500 a year towards tuition fees. See www.ilascotland.org.uk and www.saas.gov.uk for more information.
2. The PDA i-TESOL is primarily a qualification for those who wish to undertake voluntary or paid teaching with individuals or groups in the community or private tutoring. It is a real step towards later considering the CELTA or CertTESOL. The strategies and techniques you will learn in this course are also directly transferable to teaching your Mother Tongue. There are teaching opportunities within all areas of Scotland for people with this qualification.
3. If you are not a Mother Tongue English speaker, you should have a very good standard of English. We can advise you here.
4. Higher level courses are the CELTA <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-qualifications/celta/> and Trinity Cert TESOL <http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk/site/?id=201>. Neither of these is offered in the North East of Scotland at present.
5. There is a reasonable amount of study involved every week. Some people take longer to work on the various inputs than others, but you may estimate about 3 – 4 hours perhaps over a week.
6. Read this about teaching in the UK <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/careers-advice/careers-advice/1248/tesol-in-the-uk>
7. Information about teaching with the British Council
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/jobs/careers/english/teachers>