**TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (CTELL)**

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**Program Description**

To meet the increasing needs of individuals seeking advanced training in teaching English as a second language, the English department at CU Denver offers a graduate Certificate in Teaching English Language Learners (CTELL).

The certificate program, which can be completed through CU Online, is designed to build the necessary skills to teach adults English as a second language through focused preparation. It is primarily aimed at native speakers of English who want to teach overseas, but may serve the needs of international students wanting to teach English in their home country or other countries.

Upon successful completion of the program, CTELL participants will be able to:

- Discuss the theoretical basis of second language instruction
- Demonstrate a variety of effective ESL teaching techniques
- Explain, in pedagogically relevant ways, the linguistic structures of the English language

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their program advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

**Additional Information**

**Length of Time**

The course of study will typically last one academic year, including the summer session.

**When You May Begin**

You may begin in any semester. There is no fixed deadline for application for admission.

**Prerequisites**

All applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or the equivalent, with a 3.0 GPA, to be accepted to the program. Graduate students at CU Denver will also be permitted to apply for the certificate while they are concurrently completing another graduate degree. Permission may not be granted to graduate students in the applied linguistics option of the Master of Arts in English program.

Non-native speakers of English are required to submit an official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) report showing a score of at least 600. Those who score below 600 but above 500 on the TOEFL may be admitted conditionally to the program. Under these conditions, students will have their English language skills assessed by the faculty of the program immediately after they arrive on campus to determine whether further courses are needed to develop English language proficiency. After assessment, the students may be assigned to full-time language study in an intensive English program, permitted to take graduate-level classes on a conditional basis along with further designated language study or permitted to begin graduate study without further restrictions.

**Program Requirements**

1. Students must complete a minimum of 12 ENGL credit hours
2. Students must complete all 12 ENGL credits at the graduate (5000 or above) level.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of B- (2.7) in all certificate courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 3.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Students cannot complete certificate or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. All credits for the certificate must be completed with CU Denver faculty.

**Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations**

1. All courses must be completed with ENGL subject code.
2. All candidates must possess a Bachelor’s of Arts in any field.

**Required Courses**

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**Electives**

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<td>ENGL 5939</td>
<td>Internship (approved by the program advisor)</td>
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An alternative elective approved by the program advisor.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/english/ctell-graduate-certificate-teaching-english-language-learners/).