

# TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS CERTIFICATE (CTELL)

## Introduction

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.

The Certificate in Teaching English Language Learners (CTELL) is designed to help you gain the skills necessary to teach English Language Learners at a variety of levels. It is built to serve those who want to teach in multilingual public and private schools in America as well as those who plan to teach English overseas. This certificate also serves the needs of international students wanting to teach English in their home country or other countries.

The program, which can be completed through CU Online, is designed to build the necessary skills to teach adults English as a second language. 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. Opportunities exist for internships at CU Denver's ESL Academy, International College of Beijing (ICB) and other language schools.

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

- discuss the theoretical basis of English language instruction
- demonstrate a variety of effective English language teaching techniques
- explain, in pedagogically relevant ways, the linguistic structures of the English language

### When can I start?

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

## Program Delivery

- This is an online program.

## Declaring This Certificate

- Contact your advisor for more information.

## Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 ENGL credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division (3000- level or higher) credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all certificate courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. 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 Allowances or Restrictions

1. The same courses counted toward a minor or degree at CU Denver may also be used toward the requirements for a certificate, however a single course may not fulfill more than a total of two graduation requirements.

## Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take all of the following:</i>		
ENGL 3160	Language Theory	3
ENGL 4601	Principles and Practices of Second Language Acquisition	3
ENGL 4651	Second Language Writing	3

## Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take 6 elective credits</i>		
ENGL 3939	Internship (approved by the program advisor)	1-6
ENGL 4190	Advanced Topics in Writing & Digital Studies	3
ENGL 5093	Teaching of Writing (approval of instructor required)	3
LING 3100	Language in Society	3
Alternative elective approved by program advisor <sup>1</sup>		3

<sup>1</sup> Alternative electives must be approved by the program advisor.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website.