



**NELSON**  
UNIVERSITY

**TESOL**

Teaching English as a Second Language

*Equipping English Language Teachers to Serve Domestically or Abroad*

Teaching English as a second or foreign language: it's one of the most popular ways to reach people. Whether you are already teaching English, thinking or praying about teaching English, or just looking for a creative way to reach people from other countries, Nelson University's TESOL program has options for you. If you are interested in completing a bachelor's degree, you can add a minor in TESOL to most of Nelson's 70 plus programs. If you don't need a bachelor's degree, you can earn an Associates degree in TESOL, complete a TESOL certificate, or just take standalone TESOL courses.

### **TESOL Certification**

Nelson University offers students interested in teaching ESL/EFL (English as a Second Language/English as a Foreign Language), at home or abroad, the opportunity to earn TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) credentials. Nelson's TESOL certification meets and exceeds accepted international standards. The TESOL certificate can open doors of opportunity to teaching English around the world. It can also be an invaluable asset to graduating (or graduated) majors of English, Intercultural Studies, Education, and multiple other fields. For people serving overseas or domestically, holding a TESOL certificate provides credibility and documentation for English language teachers.

The Nelson University TESOL certification requirements:

1. Complete Nelson's required six TESOL courses. These courses are available on-campus or online, but they are not offered every semester. Check the Nelson University catalogue for availability or contact the Nelson TESOL program coordinator, Dr. Michael Knapp at [mknapp@nelson.edu](mailto:mknapp@nelson.edu).
2. Successfully complete ten or more hours of ESL/EFL teaching experience at sites approved by the Nelson TESOL coordinator. If a student has not yet been able to gain teaching experience, and does not have such an opportunity, the Nelson English/TESOL can help the student find an opportunity.)

### **A.A. degree in TESOL**

The Nelson University A.A. in TESOL only requires 61 credit hours to complete. Students who complete an AA can also be eligible for the certification.

### **TESOL Minor**

The minor in TESOL package is designed to accompany any existing Nelson University bachelor's degree major. The TESOL minor consists of 15 credit hours of selected courses.

**Looking Ahead**

Nelson University is in the process of creating graduate-level TESOL courses. If you are interested in earning graduate credit in TESOL, please contact the Nelson English department.