Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

Certificate Program
Teaching English overseas is an excellent option for college graduates—providing students the opportunity to travel, live in another culture and build job experience.

Many schools abroad are looking for candidates with a Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate to teach English.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is leading the way with its TESOL certification program.

Participants in the certificate program will study second language acquisition, learn and practice methods of teaching English as an additional language and engage in teaching experiences with non-native English speakers in local and international settings. Courses are offered in both face-to-face and online formats.

All participants will have a field experience in Wisconsin, as well as an international practicum experience.

Ideal for:
- College graduates from any major who are interested in working abroad.
- International students with an interest in teaching English in their home country or elsewhere overseas.
The TESOL certificate program will support participants as they:

- Become more knowledgeable about culture, language and learning.
- Gain readiness to select or adapt curriculum and pedagogy to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners.
- Prepare to contribute to international communities and building bridges between the United States and other countries.

Program and courses:

A sequence of three courses (9 credits) at the graduate level or four courses (12 credits) at the undergraduate level are needed to complete the TESOL certificate. Courses required for all students are:

- Introduction to Linguistics (English 383/583)
- Methods of ESL (Elem/Sec 346/546)
- TESOL Practicum (Elem/Sec 414 undergraduate) OR International Practicum (Elem/Sec 797 graduate)

In addition, students will choose from one of the following electives:

- Culture and Community Change in Costa Rica (ED 202)
- Hmong Language, Culture and Learning (ED 353)
- Latina/o Language, Culture and Learning (ED 377)
- Other approved elective

For more information about the TESOL certificate program, contact Don Hones at hones@uwosh.edu or (920) 424-7209.