

Literacy Assistance Center

Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults

Certificate Program

The Literacy Assistance Center is proud to announce its Certificate Program in Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults (TESLA). This special program based on current theory and best practice totals 36 hours in six courses, accompanied by a teaching practicum. Participants in the program will use the online MOODLE course management system (no prior experience necessary).

The LAC TESLA certificate serves as an initial qualification for:

- Anyone considering a career in Teaching Adults English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Anyone who has been teaching adult literacy ESL without formal qualifications
- Anyone who wishes to develop an additional specialization in teaching ESOL

*All sessions will be on Saturdays, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
at the Literacy Assistance Center*

Tuition for the 2009-10 Certificate Program is \$1050, including a deposit of \$150 that must be submitted with the completed application form.

Open House: Learn about the TESLA Certificate Program on Wednesday, August 19, 6pm-8pm at the Literacy Assistance Center.

For an application, go to www.lacnyc.org/profdev/TESLAappl.09.pdf. For more information, please contact Marilyn J. Rymniak at marilyn@lacnyc.org.



Literacy Assistance Center

This program is not applicable toward meeting the requirements for a public school teaching certification.

CERTIFICATE SESSIONS, 2009-2010

- I. *Saturday, October 3, 2009* **Introduction to TESLA: The Theory, the Learner, the Context, & the Field:** A general overview of the field, including understanding the culture, linguistic differences, & educational backgrounds of adult learners of English.
- II. *Saturday, December 5, 2009* **Methods & Materials of Communicative Language Teaching:** Covers key strategies, approaches, methods, & materials for helping adult learners communicate in English.
- III. *Saturday, February 6, 2010* **Strategies-Based Instruction for Teaching Second Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, & Grammar:** Covers basic concepts, terminology, & strategies for teaching receptive & productive language skills.
- IV. *Saturday, April 10, 2010* **Standards-Based Curriculum Development, Syllabus Design, & Lesson Planning for Different TESOL Contexts:** Introduces common TESOL standards & planning principles.
- V. *Saturday, June 12, 2010* **Standardized & Formative Assessment in TESLA:** Offers practice in the use of standardized instruments for assessing ESL proficiency.
- VI. *Saturday, August 7, 2010* **Teaching Practicum:** Participants will be mentored & evaluated in a classroom setting.

32 Broadway, 10th floor • New York, NY 10004
212.803.3300 • www.lacnyc.org