

Introducing the Trinity CertPT: Certificate for Practising Teachers

Practical skills to transform teaching

The Trinity College London Certificate for Practising Teachers (CertPT) is an innovative new Level 6* qualification that supports the professional development of English language teachers.

Promoting the development of pedagogical knowledge and skills, the Trinity CertPT enables practising teachers, including those with language proficiency below CEFR level C1, to access specialist training and certification that can transform their teaching practice.

Trinity certified professional development

The Trinity CertPT is for teachers seeking to update, improve and enrich their teaching practice. It draws upon qualified TESOL teachers' existing knowledge of teaching practice and theory, while promoting the acquisition and refinement of the specialist skills needed to develop and use effective teaching resources.

Course participants develop their ability to evaluate, adapt, create and reflect on the use of context-specific teaching resources. Teaching contexts include, for example, teaching young learners, teaching online, teaching English for specific or academic purposes, or teaching within CLIL (content and language integrated learning) settings.

The Trinity CertPT is a Level 6 qualification, which is between an initial Level 5 teacher education certificate and an advanced Level 7 diploma qualification.

Innovative assessment model

Depending on course provider arrangements, teachers can learn through face-to-face, online or blended courses. Because the CertPT assesses pedagogical skills rather than language ability, they have the option of submitting their written assignments solely in English, or bilingually in English and Spanish or English and Mandarin Chinese.

Allowing the submission of assessment tasks in these languages extends access to Trinity-certified professional development to practising teachers working in a range of different local teaching contexts.

* Level 6 on Ofqual's Register of Regulated Qualifications

† The language of assessment of the written CertPT tasks is indicated on the certificate – additional languages of assessment may be available in the future

Key features

Teachers complete a course of study and submit four written tasks for assessment. The tasks require them to demonstrate that they can develop and use context-specific teaching resources, showing pedagogical knowledge and insight appropriate for a Level 6 qualification.

► Flexible course delivery

Face-to-face, online or blended courses, depending on course provider

► 100 hours' total qualification time

30 hours' guided learning (minimum) plus 70 hours' self-study

► Four assessment tasks

Evaluate, adapt, create and reflect on the use of resources, informed by professional knowledge and insight

► Bilingual options

Training and assessment options solely in English, or in English and Spanish or English and Mandarin Chinese

Assessment criteria for each task are listed within the CertPT specifications available at trinitycollege.com/CertPT

As with all Trinity qualifications, there is a strong emphasis on context, personalisation, practical application and critical reflection.

Find out more

Visit our website to learn more and find out about availability and how to become a Trinity validated course provider: trinitycollege.com/CertPT

The Trinity TESOL qualification suite

The Trinity CertPT is listed at Level 6 on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications in the UK. Other Trinity TESOL qualifications are the CertTESOL (Level 5), the DipTESOL (Level 7) and the Teaching Young Learners Extension Certificate (TYLEC).

Qualification	RQF & EQF levels*	Guided learning hours (GLH)**	Total qualification time (TQT)	Focus of pedagogical knowledge and skills
CertTESOL	Level 5	130	200	Essential TESOL
TYLEC	–	58	100	Specialist young learner TESOL
CertOT	RQF – Level 4 EQF – Level 5	30	50	Specialist online teaching
CertPT	Level 6	30	100	Specialist TESOL professional development
DipTESOL	Level 7	150	600	Advanced TESOL

Who is the Trinity CertPT suitable for?

- Teachers already holding an initial teaching qualification who wish to evidence further refinement of specialist knowledge and skills around context-specific resources
- Teachers holding an initial Level 5 English language teaching certificate seeking career progression with a Level 6 qualification that evidences professional development, before preparing for an advanced Level 7 Diploma in TESOL
- Experienced teachers wanting a professional development course delivered in English or bilingually, with the option of submitting written assignments solely in English, or in English and Spanish or English and Mandarin Chinese

The CertPT will also be of interest to school leaders interested in supporting the continuous professional development of their English language teaching staff in order to raise standards and encourage best practice within their institution.

Entry requirements are an initial teaching qualification, plus over six months' teaching experience, or teaching experience of at least two years.

Support for training providers

CertPT courses are available through Trinity validated course providers – find full details of course content and course validation requirements at trinitycollege.com/CertPT

We provide support for course providers to help them set up and deliver Trinity qualifications, together with training and resources for teachers and learning centres.

Trinity also runs regular workshops on different aspects of English language teaching and ESOL assessment literacy – visit trinitycollege.com/language-events to find out more.

Find out more

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- Find out about current availability
- Download guidance documents
- Apply to become a course provider

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* RQF = Ofqual's Regulated Qualifications Framework, EQF = European Qualifications Framework ** minimum time