

Brian Courtney

English Language Teacher / TESOL Trainer

I am an educator with more than 17 years of experience as an English language teacher. I am experienced in curriculum development and English for academic purposes as both a teacher and administrator. I am also a certified TESOL trainer and have trained over 200 new ESL teachers. I am comfortable in both the physical classroom and online in both synchronous and asynchronous teaching environments. I have been an active member of the ESL community with both TESL Canada and TESL London since 2013.

Career Highlights

As an English Language Teacher

- * I have more than 17,000 hours of teaching experience, including 5,000 hours overseas (South Korea, China) and 3,500 hours online in a fully synchronous format.
- * I have developed curricula for a number of different courses, including English for academic purposes, university preparation and proficiency test preparation (CAEL).
- * I have taught students at all levels, including students preparing for university and college programs. These students have come from over 50 different countries.
- * I have proctored over 100 official CAEL proficiency tests

As a TESOL Trainer

- * As an accredited TESL Ontario TESOL trainer, I have trained over 150 new teachers and have acted as a mentor teacher for over 75 teaching practicums.
- * Graduates of my TESOL classes are employed in both public and private institutions in seven Canadian provinces and more than 15 different countries.

As an ELT Community Member

- * During my three years as TESL Canada Treasurer, I managed an annual budget of over \$200k and helped guide the organization through major restructuring following the split with TESL Ontario and BCTEAL.
- * I have volunteered with TESL London for nine years. In my time with the organization, I have helped organize more than twenty professional development events, including 7 annual conferences.

Personal Information



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Professional Experience

- 2022 to present**  **Adult ESL Instructor (Temporary - Long Term Assignment)**
Thames Valley District School Board, London, ON
** Create and deliver lessons that align with the Canadian Language Benchmarks for reading, writing, listening and speaking within a PBLA context*
- 2022**  **TESOL Program Academic Coordinator**
London Language Institute, London, ON
** Oversaw the TESOL certificate and diploma programs as well as the various PTCT courses*
** Coordinated all TESOL practicums*
** Ensured all TESL Ontario and TESL Canada regulations and requirements were being met*
- 2018 to 2022**  **Head of Academics / TESOL Trainer**
London Language Institute, London, ON
** Supervised teaching staff and ensured appropriate professional development opportunities were available*
** Oversaw the ESL and university pathway programs and ensured student needs were being met*
** Oversaw the TVO ILC high school program*
** Oversaw the TESOL certificate program and coordinated all TESOL practicums*
- 2014 to 2017**  **Lead Teacher / TESOL Trainer**
London Language Institute, London, ON
** Supervised teachers and ensured appropriate professional development opportunities were available*
** Oversaw the ESL and university pathway programs and ensured student needs were being met*
** Acted as a facilitator and test proctor in the TVO ILC high school program*
- 2012 to 2014**  **ESL/EAP Instructor**
London Language Institute, London, ON
** Taught ESL, EAP and test-preparation classes*
** Developed a specialized curriculum for a CAEL preparation course for use with students in the university pathway programs in London and overseas*
- 2006 to 2010**  **EFL Instructor**
Yale Foreign Language Institute, Daegu, South Korea
** Created detailed lesson plans focusing on developing student listening and speaking skills*
** Assisted in the orientation and training of newly-arrived teachers*
** Assisted the school directors with marketing at numerous education fairs across South Korea*

Education

- 2014 to 2019**  **Trinity Western University**
Master's Degree, TESOL (MA)
- 2012 to 2014**  **University of Saskatchewan**
Postgraduate Certificate, Teaching English as a Second Language (CERTESL)
- 1998 to 2002**  **University of Guelph**
Bachelor's Degree, Management Economics in Industry and Finance (B.Comm.)

Professional Accreditation/Memberships



Professional Standard Three

TESL Canada



Ontario Certified English Language Teacher (OCELT)

TESL Ontario



TESOL Theory/Methodology Instructor, Practicum Supervisor, Academic Coordinator

TESL Ontario



Professional Membership

TESOL International

Professional Development

2021



CLB Bootcamp

Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks

2021



Introduction to Portfolio-Based Language Assessment (PBLA)

Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks

2017



Post TESOL Certificate - Language Program Management

Advance Consulting for Education

2012



Post TESOL Certificate - Advanced Grammar for English Teachers

Advance Consulting for Education

2012



TESOL Certificate

Advance Consulting for Education

Volunteer Service

2020 to
present



TESL London (TESL ON Affiliate)

President

- * Oversee the TESL London executive committee to ensure all TESL Ontario policies are being followed
- * Promote professional development and teacher excellence in the London ELT community
- * Chair the TESL London Annual General Meeting and monthly executive meetings

2022



TESL Canada

Strategic Planning Committee Member

- * Provided expertise/advice to TESL Canada to assist in developing a strategic plan for the organization for the next five years

2019 to
2020



TESL London (TESL ON Affiliate)

Membership Chair

- * Ensured that the needs and concerns of members belonging to adult, LINC, secondary, elementary, and fee for instruction schools were represented on the TESL London Executive
- * Composed monthly membership reports for the TESL London Executive

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| 2017 to 2020 |  | TESL London (TESL ON Affiliate) <i>Treasurer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Oversaw the financial activities of the organization * Prepared monthly financial reports for submission to TESL ON * Prepared detailed annual financial reports for presentation to affiliate members at the AGM |
| 2015 to 2018 |  | TESL Canada <i>Treasurer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reviewed and approved monthly financials and oversaw all major financial decisions * Prepared the annual budget of over \$200k * Managed the Finance Committee |
| 2016 to 2017 |  | TESL London (TESL ON Affiliate) <i>Events Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Organized the 2016 Wine and Cheese professional development event * Organized the 2017 Awards Banquet |
| 2013 to 2016 |  | TESL London (TESL ON Affiliate) <i>Professional Development Committee Member</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provided assistance to the Professional Development Chair at various meetings and events |

References

Available upon request