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**Certificate of English  
Language Teaching**

**C.E.L.T.**

Edgewater College has been involved in teaching English as a foreign language for twenty years. In this time, we have developed an excellent English Faculty with a variety of qualifications and teaching experience, both in Ireland and abroad.

### **Facilities**

- **Location**

Edgewater College is located in the heart of the historic town of Drogheda, overlooking the river Boyne. It is just a few minutes' walk from both the bus and train station, which have regular services from Dublin, Dundalk, and Belfast, and is just a forty-minute drive from Dublin.

- **Staffing**

Our trainers are all practising teachers of English who divide their time between training and teaching. They are all highly qualified and experienced teachers who have been selected to work at Edgewater College on the basis of their diverse experiences teaching various levels in schools around the world.

- **Library**

The library has a wide selection of books dealing with language learning and teaching methodologies, and EFL course books. There are also computers available for research on the Internet.

### **Course Information**

The Certificate of English Language Teaching (CELT) is recognised by The Advisory Council for English Language Schools (ACELS) who work under the auspices of the Department of Education and Science in Ireland. The course is intended for a wide range of candidates including those who are entirely new to teaching, those who have taught languages but have little or no training and teachers of other subjects who want to take up language teaching. The course is run full time and consists of 120 hours over 4 weeks. This is broken up into:

- Face-to-face seminars and workshops
- Teaching practice with supervised lesson planning and preparation
- Observation of experienced teachers and peers
- Trainer directed study

The course takes place Monday – Friday, 9.00-5.30.

English language teaching is a booming industry all over the world, especially in Ireland. The CELT gives the successful candidate the opportunity to work both in Ireland and many countries abroad.

The teaching practice that candidates will undertake offers essential experience and gives candidates the opportunity to link theory with practice. Candidates will also observe qualified teachers in practice.

## Syllabus Areas

- Language systems: analysis of grammar, lexis and phonology
- Teaching techniques dealing with phonology, lexis, grammar and genre
- Developing and integrating the four skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Principles of teaching reading, speaking (including pronunciation), listening and writing to a variety of levels of language learner
- Language learning theories and teaching methodologies
- Lesson planning, preparation, timetabling, and planning a series of lessons
- Introduction to different learners (nationality, age, learning style etc.) and levels
- Various approaches to error correction
- Learner training
- Checking meaning
- Presenting new language
- Classroom management
- Evaluating, selecting, and adapting teaching materials from a variety of sources
- Evaluating learners' language learning needs
- Reasons for and principles of lesson observation

## **Selection**

The successful applicant demonstrate that they:

- Have the study skills required to complete the course programme and coursework
- Are able to communicate clearly, correctly and appropriately in spoken and written English to the standards required to undertake the course programme and complete the coursework.
- Are able to comply with the attendance requirements and are in a position to complete all necessary coursework.
- Candidates for whom English is not their first language must also provide documentary evidence (from within the last two years) that their level of English is equivalent to Common European Framework level C1; Cambridge ESOL Certificate in Advanced English (Grade C subject to interview), IELTS band 6.5 (no lower than 6.0 on any individual paper) etc.

These will be assessed by a member of the admissions office by referring to candidates' application form, pre-course tasks, interview, experience (where relevant), references (where relevant), copy of degree and copy of English language proficiency certification (where relevant).

## **Enrolment**

Applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview. Following the interview, applicants will receive notification if they have been successful.

## **Assessment & Certification**

In order to pass the whole course and obtain a Certificate, candidates must

- Successfully complete their teaching practice
- Attend all lesson observations and complete all observation tasks
- Successfully complete all written assignments
- Meet the attendance requirements (a minimum of 90% for input sessions and 100% for observations and teaching practice)

On completion of the course, candidates are given a final report with detailed assessment of teaching skills, awareness and professionalism. Successful candidates receive a certificate detailing their overall grade no more than eight weeks after the end of the course.

## TEACHING IN THE RECOGNISED EFL SECTOR IN IRELAND

Teachers in the recognised English Language Teaching sector in Ireland need to have a minimum of a level 7 qualification and an ACELS recognised teaching qualification. ACELS has a list of recognised course providers on their website ([www.acels.ie](http://www.acels.ie)).

Holders of awards from other countries need to present copies of their certificates and transcripts to ACELS. Applicants will receive either a standard letter signed by the Chief Executive confirming that their award meets requirements and they are eligible to teach in the recognised sector in Ireland, or informing them that their award is not acceptable and does not enfranchise them for employment in the recognised sector in Ireland.

To meet requirements TEFL certificates normally need to be of more than 115 hours duration and include teaching practice, unless they were awarded prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. **Some courses available in Ireland do not meet the above criteria, however Edgewater College is recognised by ACELS as a provider of the Certificate in English Language Teaching.**

## TEACHING ENGLISH ABROAD

The qualifications for English language teachers vary greatly from one country to another. In some countries it is sufficient to be a native speaker while in others you need to hold a master's degree or equivalent in English language teaching. Most countries however require teachers to hold a bachelor's degree and an English language teaching qualification with a minimum of 100 hours input sessions and teaching practice.

If you are planning to teach abroad, it is beneficial to look at a few different English language teaching jobs in the country you'd like to teach. These jobs are frequently advertised on the Internet. They will give you an idea of the qualifications required to get a suitable job and the sort of pay and conditions you can expect. Once you know this, you can decide on the type of English Language Teaching certificate you should choose.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT EDGEWATER COLLEGE & ABROAD:**

Occasionally job opportunities arise with Edgewater College both in Ireland and abroad. Applicants who have completed their TEFL at Edgewater College will be given special consideration.

### **Course Fee:**

\*€1100 for both Irish and EU citizens. Please note that an additional administration fee may apply for non-EU citizens. A deposit of €200 is required to secure your place on the course, payable upon receipt of your letter of acceptance. The balance should be paid no less than one week prior to course commencement.

### **Course Dates 2012**

Below are the proposed course dates for 2011.  
Course availability is subject to interest.

- 23rd Jan – 17th Feb
- 2nd April – 30th April (due to bank hol Mon)
- 28th May – 25th June (due to bank hol Mon)
- 13th Aug – 10th Sept (due to bank hol Mon)
- 5th Nov – 30th Nov