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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for enquiring about our ACELS approved Prep ELT Certificate course.  
Please find enclosed information regarding the course, entry requirements and selection procedures.

If you would like to apply for a place on an upcoming course, please complete the enclosed application form (including copies of qualifications) and all pre-course tasks. All applications must be received by the application deadline stated in this document.

Yours sincerely,

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## Prep ELT Certificate Course for State Qualified Teachers

Edgewater College has been involved in the teaching of English as a foreign language for over seventeen 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 prep ELT Certificate course for SQT teachers 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:

- have successfully completed a course of study leading to conferral of a B.Ed or H.Dip (Education);  
or
- have completed a course of study leading to a B.Ed. or H.Dip (Education) and are awaiting conferral of certification;  
or
- are in the process of doing an H.Dip (Education) course or are in their final year of a B.Ed. course.

*(The successful candidate will only be eligible to teach on Junior courses in recognised ELT organisations upon successful completion of their B.Ed. / H.Dip. (Education) courses)*

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The course is run full time consisting of 30 hours over 5 days. This is broken up into:

- Face-to-face seminars and workshops
- Micro-teaching
- Feedback
- In-course and end-of-course assessment

The course generally takes place Monday – Friday, 9.00-4.00 – with the exception of Easter due to the Easter bank holidays.

There is also 10 hours of non-face-to-face work to be completed.

The Certificate for English Language Teaching to Second Level Students (State Qualified Teachers) gives the successful candidate the opportunity to work in Ireland in the lucrative Junior ELT sector.

***(It does not enfranchise successful candidates to teach in the adult ELT sector and cannot be added to in order to gain full recognition).***

## Syllabus Areas

- An overview of Junior programmes in Ireland
- An introduction to the basic tenets of communicative language teaching and a range of practical activities to support the learners' English language development and performance
- An introduction to the preparation, planning and evaluation of teaching
- An introduction to classroom management
- An introduction to aspects of language description, e.g. (tenses, parts of speech etc) and meaning (use, functions, notions, style, register etc)
- An introduction to a range of teaching techniques to support and facilitate the learning and development of
  - Language awareness and grammar
  - Vocabulary
  - The 4 skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening (with emphasis on speaking and listening) and integration of these skills
  - Learner independence and autonomy
- An introduction to selecting and adapting ELT course materials and resources suitable for use with junior students, with a particular focus on Council of Europe A2 to B2 levels
- An introduction to monitoring and evaluating learning

## **Assessment & Certification**

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

- Attend 95% of all face-to-face seminars/workshops
- Successfully complete all assignments
- Successfully complete the Supervised Teaching Component in their first post in an Irish Dept. of Education & Science recognised school or Irish state school. The STC involves one observed lesson overseen by a supervisor (often the Director of Studies or school teacher trainer)

*(Please note that the STC is required before the teacher can be fully certified for working in the recognised Junior EFL sector in Ireland, and that it needs to be done within a maximum of 3 years of completing the first part of the course with Edgewater College).*

### **Course Dates 2012**

Below are the proposed course dates for 2012.  
Course availability is subject to interest.

| <b>Start Date</b>               | <b>End Date</b>                 | <b>Price</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>€350</b>  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>     | <b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>     | <b>€350</b>  |

### **Course Fee:**

€350 per person.

A deposit of €100 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.