

WHAT IS THE COURSE?

The CAMBRIDGE CELTA is the longest established and most widely known of the English language teaching preliminary certificates available. It offers participants the opportunity to become familiar with many aspects of English language teaching and to practise teaching overseas students in a supervised environment.

The overall approach is practical, with time allowed for everyone to participate in workshop sessions. The course is subject to continuous assessment. It includes the following elements:

- the presentation and practice of language
- the skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking
- aspects of phonology - pronunciation, stress, rhythm, intonation etc.
- language analysis
- the use of everyday, functional language
- learner centred lessons
- guided lesson planning and lesson evaluation
- the use of course books
- focus on the learner
- 6 hours teaching practice at SDC
- 6 hours observation of teachers in ESOL classes
- 4 written assignments
- Now offered with the additional qualification: PTLLS Preparation to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector. This course confers a 'threshold to practice' and is necessary for all teachers entering the lifelong learning sector since September 2007.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You should be aged 18+

- with a high degree of accuracy and fluency in both the spoken and written aspects of English language
- with a high standard of education – CAMBRIDGE CELTA recommend University entrance standard, but a degree is often required by language schools in the UK and by many language schools abroad
- outgoing, lively and interested in people of different cultures
- able to give, receive and gain from constructive criticism with both tutors and peers
- enjoy working as part of a team

You do not have to be fluent in another language but knowledge of other languages is particularly advantageous.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

1. Please complete the attached application form and language test and send them to SDC by the date we indicate.
2. On receipt of the application form and language test we will select potential candidates for interview.
3. Later you will receive a letter (a) inviting you to attend an interview or (b) informing you that we do not consider you a suitable candidate with reasons, or (c) informing you that the course(s) for which you have applied are full and asking you to consider putting your name on the reserve lists, or taking another of our courses if possible. Our courses tend to be oversubscribed so there is no guarantee that you will obtain a place on the first course of your choice.

DO I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A QUALIFICATION IF I TAKE THE COURSE?

Not necessarily. We offer candidates a place on the course because we think they have the potential to attain a pass. The pass is based on successful completion of course work and teaching practice, and is subject to your meeting the specific criteria.

HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

Please note that the number of weeks indicated refers to weeks of tuition. You will need to add on half term breaks.

The hours of the course indicate times of attendance. You will often be required to arrive earlier than the stated times, and remain afterwards in order to liaise with fellow candidates and prepare lessons.

EASTBOURNE CAMPUS

Course 1

An 11 week Course

Starts Monday 26th September 2011

Monday 9.30 – 17.30

Wednesday 9.30 – 17.30

Ends Wednesday 14th December 2011

Course 2

An 11 week Course

Starts Monday 20th February 2012

Monday 9.30 – 17.30

Wednesday 9.30 – 17.30

Ends: Wednesday, 16th May 2012

Course 3

A 4½ week Intensive Course

Starts Thursday, 28th June 2012

Friday 27th July 2012

Every Day 9.00 – 17.00

HOW MUCH DOES THE COURSE COST?

The fees from Sept 11 are:

Course Fee £1000.00

Exam Fee: £100.00

Total = £1,100.00

Students receiving a recognised income based benefit will be able to claim a concession and pay £300.00

If you are from outside the E.U. the fee is £1,650.00

Please note the registration fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

All students will be required to spend about £65 on course books and materials.

WILL I HAVE TO DO EXTRA WORK OUTSIDE CLASS TIME?

Yes. Lessons can take many hours of preparation. There is also a certain amount of homework and preparation for subsequent sessions.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME?

On satisfactory completion of the course you will receive the qualification from CAMBRIDGE.

This is an internationally recognised qualification which is likely to help you obtain employment in language schools abroad and in this country, although often of a temporary seasonal nature in Britain.



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WHY CHOOSE AN SDC COURSE RATHER THAN OTHERS?

The Intensive Course

Most other intensive CELTA courses last for 4 weeks. Our 4 week course enables you to use the first week to become familiar to an extent with some of the methodology and skills required before you start your teaching practice.

This enables you to have more background knowledge than is usual when you start teaching on the first Monday, hopefully boosting your confidence and immediately providing your students with a higher standard of lesson.

The Part-Time Courses

The part-time courses enable you to continue this training with work commitments and to take more time to absorb and develop thinking skills.

All three courses, whilst of the same high standard as other CAMBRIDGE courses elsewhere, tend to be less expensive than many courses in the locality.

WHO IS TEACHING IT?

Tasveer Shemza, Maggie Scott, John Pomeroy, Lesley Dunford, Fiona Hibbett and Jane Sparrow who have many years' experience of teaching English language, in the U.K. and abroad.

CAN YOU FIND ME A JOB?

While we cannot find you a job, we are happy to give you information we receive about posts in the UK and abroad.

We provide you with a testimonial on completion of the course and will be pleased to act as referees.

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