

E-Teacher: Assessment for EFL

Offered by Indiana University

The Office of English Language Programs of the U.S. State Department is offering an online teacher training course on “Assessment for EFL” for eligible candidates. The course will introduce the most recent English language teaching methods and techniques, offer the opportunity to engage in an innovative distance-learning program that employs the latest in modern technology, and provide direct access to U.S. experts with whom participants might not normally have the opportunity to interact.

Course Description

This course is designed to familiarize EFL teachers with a wide variety of formal and informal English language assessment tools and help them become competent in evaluating assessment information as well as selecting and developing appropriate English assessments for their own teaching situations and goals. Online discussion will deal with participant questions and ways that participants have dealt with teaching and testing problems in their own countries. The syllabus will cover forms of assessment and their use, a close examination of high stakes assessment, assessment tools ranging from informal classroom assessments to portfolios, teacher use of assessment information, and future trends in assessment. The course will run approximately 12 weeks. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate and Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Requirements

Candidates should be teachers, teacher trainers, or ministry officials who are or will be professionally involved in the assessment process. They should be highly motivated individuals who are both dedicated to their own professional development and willing to share their knowledge with colleagues. Candidates should be able to do academic work at a U.S. university (an advanced level of reading and writing, roughly equivalent to a TOEFL score of 525) and understand technical terms in English relating to computers and the Internet. Candidates should also have regular access to the Internet, be able to navigate in Windows and create a Word document, be familiar with the Internet and web browsers, and be able to type in English well enough to perform on-line tasks in real-time and to submit written assignments in a timely manner.

Candidates will be nominated by American embassies and selected in a competitive process. Interested candidates should contact the Regional English Language Officer or Cultural Affairs Officer at the nearest American embassy.