Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate

The Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate is designed for undergraduate students and community members who are interested in teaching English while living abroad. This program includes a unique first-hand practicum where students can work with non-native speakers of English. If you think you might want to travel overseas, you should consider completing this 13-credit certificate program as a way to fund your travels along with developing marketable skills such as resilience, adaptability, and interpersonal communication.

Why UMD

- The TEFL Certificate at UMD can be completed during your undergraduate studies whereas the majority of TEFL Certificate programs are offered only for those who already have bachelor's degrees.
- The TEFL Certificate is the only of its kind offered in the Northland.
- This program meets the highest standards for TEFL certification: 160 hours of instruction, practicum experience, and accredited curriculum from a world-recognized university.

Acquired Skills

- Learn about teaching methods and the relationship between culture and language
- Gain transferable skills that employers are looking for such as increased problem-solving and intercultural communication skills

Career Possibilities

Countries around the world are looking for someone like you to teach English and share your culture. Many private companies are constantly hiring native speakers of English to teach in a wide range of settings including schools, business organizations, and one-on-one tutoring. Individuals with a TEFL Certificate can also be hired through government-sponsored programs in Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, and South America.

Requirements

In order to be admitted to the program, one has to have completed a minimum of 30 credits including Introduction to Linguistics (LING 1811) and Bilingualism and Biliteracy Development: Foundations of Second Language Acquisition (EDUC 3100).
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