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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