Step into English as a second language

If you are a successful applicant for the Sponsored Training Education Program, you will receive an annual tuition subsidy of up to $5000 based on fulltime study (pro-rata for part-time study) and a general-purpose allowance of $300. You will also receive a completion grant of $2500.

Depending on the studies you have completed as part of your initial degree and teacher education program, the table opposite gives an example of the maximum studies you will need to undertake to become qualified in English as a second language (ESL).

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) programs usually prepare graduates for years K to 12, however, current staffing practices restrict subject approval to the area of original mainstream teacher classification (e.g. a primary teacher is only entitled to the primary ESL/ESP code and a secondary teacher is only entitled to the secondary ESL/ESS code).

The following universities offer approved postgraduate programs in TESOL:

- Australian Catholic University
- Charles Sturt University
- Deakin University
- Macquarie University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Newcastle
- University of New England
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of Technology, Sydney
- University of Wollongong.

Note: The above list is not exhaustive. New programs delivered by other universities may be available.

* Approved programs are those recognised and endorsed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities as appropriate courses of study.

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