

Frequently Asked Questions Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Course

For further information about the course, please email CELTA@lewisham.ac.uk.

What is the CELTA?

The CELTA course is a level 5 qualification accredited by Cambridge Assessment English and is one of the most widely recognised English teaching qualification in the world. It is often requested by employers, with 75% of English language teaching jobs requiring a CELTA qualification (Cambridge English 2018).

Who is the CELTA for?

The CELTA is suitable for anyone wanting a qualification to teach English to adult learners in the UK or abroad. The course is often taken by recent graduates, new teachers and practising teachers who want a formal qualification. The course is designed for first-language English speakers and non-first-language speakers.

Is there funding available for the course?

Lewisham College is a recognised centre for the Advanced Learner Loan and students who want to study CELTA are eligible to apply. You can apply for the loan once you have been offered a place on the course and early application is advised. Once the loan is approved it can be used to pay your deposit and secure your place on the course. More details about the loan and how to apply can be found on our website [here](#).

How much is the course?

Course fee information is available on the website next to the course listing. The fee will include all course delivery and Cambridge Administration fees. Further information on fees and finance, including paying by instalments, is available [here](#).

When is the next course and how will it be delivered?

Courses are offered throughout the year with start dates advertised on the website next to the course listing. It is a part-time evening course on Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm. The course will be blended delivery with a combination of face-to-face and online classes. All on site classes will take place at our Lewisham Way campus.

Where can I work with the CELTA?

The CELTA opens up many opportunities, including the opportunity to teach EFL and ESOL courses in a variety of contexts such as further education colleges, adult and community learning settings or in private language schools. Many graduates also go on to teach abroad, work as private tutors, complete PGCEs or work with non-profit organisations.

What are the entry requirements?

The course is suitable for native and non-native speakers (minimum CEFR Level high C1 or above). Applicants should have a level of education equivalent to that required for entry to Higher Education and have a high standard of written and spoken English language use. Previous teaching knowledge or experience is not

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required. An interview is necessary for the course and this includes tests of written and spoken language as well as language awareness.

If you do not have formal educational qualifications at the level indicated above, you may still be accepted if you can demonstrate that you would be likely to complete the course successfully.

What does the course cover?

The CELTA course covers a range of topics to prepare you for teaching:

- learners and teachers, and the teaching and learning context
- language analysis and awareness
- language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing
- planning and resources for different teaching contexts
- developing teaching skills and professionalism

How am I assessed?

You are assessed throughout the course and there is no final examination. The two types of assessment are:

- teaching practice - you teach for a total of 6 hours, working with adult classes at a minimum of two levels of ability
- written assignments – four written assignments (each 750–1,000 words)

Further information can be found on the Cambridge website [here](#).