CELTA – About the course

Course topics

Learners and teachers, and the teaching and learning context

This topic includes:
• understanding the cultural and linguistic backgrounds of learners, and how this might affect their learning of English
• understanding different learning preferences.

Language analysis and awareness

This topic includes:
• understanding key terminology used in English language teaching, applying this terminology in planning and teaching
• demonstrating a working knowledge of English grammar, lexis and phonology.

Language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing

This topic includes:
• understanding basic concepts and terminology used for describing reading, listening, speaking and writing skills, applying this to teaching
• understanding how approaches to texts may vary depending on the purpose, making practical use of this in teaching.

Planning and resources for different teaching contexts

This topic includes:
• understanding the purpose and principles of planning for effective teaching
• selecting and planning the kinds of lessons that are most appropriate for particular learners
• evaluating lesson preparation and reflecting on this for planning future lessons.

Developing teaching skills and professionalism

This topic includes:
• effectively organising the classroom, both in terms of layout and pair/group activities
• making appropriate use of a range of materials and resources
• involving learners of different ability levels, enabling them to feel a sense of progress.