

## Information for candidates

### Why take a CELTA course?

CELTA, a qualification for teaching English to learners whose first language is not English, is recognised all over the world, and it is the one requested by most employers.

It is only 4 weeks long but it will prepare you really well for classroom by introducing you to the principles of effective language teaching, and by giving you a range of teaching techniques and opportunities for practical experience. You will be able to observe experienced teachers, and then apply your learning in your lessons with English language learners, and get constructive feedback from the tutors on how to further improve your teaching. This will give you the skills and confidence you need in the classroom during the course and beyond.

### Who is CELTA for?

- new teachers with no experience starting out on their career
- teachers with some experience who want to further develop their skills
- first-language English speakers and non-first-language speakers
- people who want to travel and teach English

### What the CELTA course aims to do:

The course enables trainees to;

- acquire essential subject knowledge
- acquire a range of practical skills for teaching English to adult learners
- demonstrate their ability to apply their learning in a real teaching context

## Why take the course at International House Torquay?

There are many good reasons for choosing the face-to-face course at IH Torquay, including

- the prospect of job opportunities through the International House network which has schools all over the world
- the pleasant, quiet environment that Torquay offers for studying
- the setting in a busy language school employing a range of experienced teachers
- the all-year round English Language Schools in Torbay which recruit locally
- the extensive experience of the tutors who will be running the course
- the provision of a pre-CELTA language awareness course for those who need it
- the school's portfolio of affordable accommodation

## Course overview

### Course length

120 hours over 4 weeks (+ time for preparation and assignments)

### Cost

£1395

### Minimum entry requirements

- age 18+
- proficient English language user (CEFR level C1+ or above)
- educated to the standard required for entry into higher education

### Assessment

- 6 hours of assessed teaching practice
- 4 written assignments

## How to apply for the course at International House Torquay:

1. Complete and submit the application form
2. Wait until you hear if you have been invited for interview. We usually encourage candidates to come to the centre for this, but online interviews can be arranged.
3. Complete and submit the pre-interview tasks that you will be sent.
4. Attend the interview. To further assess your suitability, there will be a number of tasks to complete to check your language awareness, written and spoken accuracy and your communication skills.
5. You will hear within a few days if your application has been successful.
6. If it is, you can book your place on the course with a non-refundable deposit of £650.
7. Within 4 weeks of the start of the course, you will need to pay the remaining £795.

## The course in detail

The CELTA course covers the following topics:

- 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

The 120 hours of contact between trainees and course tutors include:

- input sessions covering a range of areas including methods and techniques for teaching grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation as well as speaking, reading, listening and writing skills.
- supervised lesson planning in groups of no more than 6 trainees.
- tutorial support and consultation
- 6 hours of assessed teaching practice per trainee supervised by a course tutor
- constructive feedback on teaching practice and watching the other trainees' lessons
- 6 hours of directed observation of lessons taught by experienced English Language teachers, up to 3 hours of which may be of filmed lessons.

Note that you should also allow for 80 additional learning hours for pre-course preparation, reading, research, assignment writing, lesson preparation and record keeping.

## How will I be assessed?

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

### Teaching practice

You will teach for a total of 6 hours, working with adult classes at a minimum of two levels of ability. Assessment is based on your overall performance.

### Written assignments

There are 4 written assignments (each 750–1,000 words). These focus on:

- analysing and responding to adult learner needs
- analysing language for teaching purposes
- teaching language skills
- reflecting on classroom teaching

These assignments as well as the teaching practice are assessed by your trainers during the course. Your trainers will give you detailed written feedback and will discuss your progress with you during 1:1 tutorials, so you will have a good idea of your strengths and which areas you need to focus on. An assessor will visit towards the end of the course to discuss grades with the trainers.

There are four possible final grades for CELTA; Pass A, Pass B, Pass and Fail.

Cambridge Assessment will issue your certificate when grades have been confirmed. Certificates are usually sent within 8 weeks after the completion of the course.