

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH (PGCTE)

This programme is ideal for you if you are a teacher of English looking forward to updating your knowledge of English grammar, pronunciation and recent methods of teaching English. Many teachers have found that the courses in Linguistics, Literature and English Language Teaching in the PGCTE curriculum have helped them improve both their efficiency and confidence in teaching. The programme also has a practical component in the form of Practice Teaching, where you get to try out the methods and techniques you are introduced to. Apart from teachers, professionals working in areas related to language or language education have also benefitted immensely from this programme.

Who is eligible?

A person with any one of the following qualifications is eligible to apply for PGCTE:

- i. an MA in English or an allied discipline (Linguistics, Education, Mass Communication or Psychology)

OR

- ii. an MA (in any discipline) with at least a second class along with 5 years of experience in teaching “Methods of Teaching English” at the M Ed/B Ed level.

When can I apply?

You can get the application form between 1 October 2015 and 15 February 2016 for the session beginning in July 2016. You have to submit the filled in application by 28 February 2016. The application forms can also be downloaded from the EFL University website www.efluniversity.ac.in from October 2015.

Who should I contact?

You should contact the Office of the Dean, School of Distance Education (email:eflu_sde@rediffmail.com) for application forms, and information on deadlines for submission of application forms, and other information on the programme.

What is the mode of admission?

There is no entrance test for admission to the programme. Those fulfilling the eligibility criteria will be admitted.

How long does it take to complete the programme?

It takes one year to complete the programme if you are prompt in doing all the assignments. In case you are unable to complete it in the first year, you will be given one more year.

What is the mode of instruction and evaluation?

The programme comprises seven courses. Six of these are in the following areas: Phonetics, Grammar, Linguistics, Literature, Methods of Teaching English and Materials for the Teaching of English. The seventh course is Practice Teaching. Instruction is imparted through the distance mode by means of print materials and audio CDs (for the course in Phonetics). The courseware consists of 33 booklets (blocks): five each for the first six courses and three for Practice Teaching. Each of these 33 blocks has an assignment.

You have to do the assignments within the specified time and send them for evaluation to the university. Your performance in the assignments constitutes internal assessment, which counts for 25% of the total evaluation of the programme. The remaining 75% is based on your performance in the final examination held during the last week of the contact programme. To qualify for the award of the certificate, you will be required to pass in both internal assessment and the final examination.

What about the Contact Programme?

The contact-cum-examination programme is four weeks long and is usually held in June/July. Depending on the number of participants, the university chooses to hold it in Hyderabad and/or any other place(s) in India. You will be invited to attend the contact programme only (a) if you submit all the assignments within the deadline and (b) if you succeed in getting at least the minimum required grade in the assignments. Remember that the contact programme is compulsory and you will not be given any exemption from attending it.

