



## DOUGLAS COLLEGE TESL Program

### Sponsor Teacher Opportunities - **anywhere in BC or beyond, online**

The Douglas College TESL program still has a few sponsor teacher opportunities for dedicated ESL teachers who would like to mentor one of our TESL trainees during their **online** practicum. We have two opportunities for teachers who are available now or in May, and one opportunity for a teacher who is available in June.

#### **Why become a sponsor teacher?**

Sponsoring a TESL trainee is a great way to get a taste of teacher training and add something to the professional development part of your resume. Although as a public community college offering the TESL program at credit course rates, Douglas is not able to provide monetary compensation for sponsor teachers, we provide a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation. Our sponsor teachers generally find reward in this experience because they get a chance to help an ESL teacher in training, to support the profession, and to reflect on their own teaching practice.

#### **What are our practicums like?**

Our practicums consist of a minimum of 4 hours of observation of the sponsor teacher and 10 hours of observed teaching. Our current TESL trainees have been trained online and are familiar with the tools used in online teaching.

#### **What are the requirements?**

To become a sponsor teacher, you need

- 1) a bachelor's degree,
- 2) a TESL/TEFL/TESOL certificate from a TESL Canada recognized teacher training program,
- 3) 2,000 hours (~ 2 years full time) of teaching ESL/EFL to adults, and
- 4) a minimum of 5 adult students enrolled in your class (80% of students 18+).

If you are interested in or have questions about becoming a sponsor teacher, please contact Jacquie Hebert, TESL Practicum Supervisor, at [hebertj@douglascollege.ca](mailto:hebertj@douglascollege.ca).

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