

Second Language Learning Centre

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for English Language Teachers

English has already become a *lingua franca* in many professional fields and, in our highly globalised world, education is no exception. Thus it is imperative for English language teachers to continue upgrading their English language skills throughout their career. In response to this trend, the Language Centre at Glyndŵr University has developed a special professional development course designed to meet the needs of non-native English teachers.

Course overview:

Our core CPD course consists of 400 hours of study, which is divided into 100 contact hours with course tutors and 300 hours of directed and private study. The minimum duration of the course is 4 weeks, but it is strongly recommended that participants extend their stay in order to optimize their learning experience in a UK University. Our highly-qualified and professional lecturers have experience of training teachers of all nationalities and mother tongues.

Course content:

Our course covers all four language skills with particular emphasis on improving communication skills. During the course, participants will have the chance to

- upgrade their knowledge of English and its usage in today's multicultural UK society
- deepen their knowledge of language learning, teaching methodologies and assessment
- review learning resources, including CALL, VLE and digital media
- discuss developing their own course materials for use in their home countries, using a variety of oral, visual and written sources
- observe and evaluate general and subject specific English classes taught by language lecturers
- share their experiences as both language learners and language teachers
- learn more about and immerse themselves in British culture, including the UK education system

Tuition

Course delivery will be in the form of seminars, lectures, small group discussions, tutorials and language laboratory sessions with experienced English language lecturers. Furthermore, participants are expected to undertake extensive autonomous learning using all the facilities available at Glyndŵr University.

Social programme

In addition to attending core classes, participants will also take part in a diverse social programme with activities such as film projections, international evenings and visits to places of interest in both North Wales and beyond. These activities are designed to provide attendees with a deeper understanding of British life and culture, and therefore are an integral part of the professional learning experience.

Course assessment

Towards the end of the course, participants will undertake assessment in all four skills at level C1 of CEFR, and the can-do statements within. On successful completion, the University will award 40 UK Higher Education credits (20 ECTS) and a Glyndŵr University Certificate of Continuing Education. These credits may be used towards a Higher Education degree as appropriate.

Accommodation

Participants are provided with on-campus accommodation or are allocated to University housing a short distance from the University. Alternatively, help will be provided with other accommodation arrangements as appropriate. All accommodation is single en-suite (private toilet and shower). Usually up to 6 rooms share a fully equipped kitchen. The accommodation site is close to the learning resources (library, IT), supermarkets, pubs, restaurants and cafes, and is patrolled 24 hours by security officers.

Terms and conditions:

Start dates are flexible but one month's notice is required. Expected group sizes are usually between 8-15 participants. For a tailor-made quote for your group or for any questions, we would welcome your email enquiry to languages.foreign@glyndwr.ac.uk. For further information about our University please refer to <http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/> and about the Language Centre and our programmes visit the website <http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Ourcampusesandfacilities/SecondLanguageLearningCentre/>