

Certificate in Secondary English Language Teaching

The Certificate in Secondary English Language Teaching (CiSELT) is an in-service course, written specifically for English language teachers working in secondary schools with learners aged 11-18.

CiSELT is split into two levels: Proficient and Advanced. They are organised as two separate courses.

The course aims are to:

- develop teachers' methodological skills
- develop communicative, reflective and learning-centred teaching skills
- develop classroom based research skills
- professionalise teachers classroom practice

CiSELT Proficient and CiSELT Advanced

CiSELT Proficient is focused on key methodological issues for teachers with approximately two years experience.

CiSELT Advanced focuses on more specialised topics and the development of creative teaching and learning approaches.

Each level will be separately certificated.

Teachers starting the CiSELT Proficient course will be at the developing stage three on the [British Council CPD Framework](#). On successful completion of CiSELT Proficient, teachers will have acquired the skills and competencies to consider themselves in the proficient stage four of the CPD Framework.

Teachers starting the CiSELT Advanced course will be at the proficient stage four on the [British Council CPD Framework](#). On successful completion of CiSELT Advanced, teachers will have acquired the skills and competencies to consider themselves in the advanced stage five of the CPD Framework.

It is expected that teachers will have completed CiSELT Proficient before doing CiSELT Advanced. **However, it is possible to do CiSELT Advanced without having completed CiSELT Proficient.**

Course materials

The course is made up of the following components:

- a minimum of 48 hours of training comprising four modules at each level
- each unit contains activities, assignments, glossary and further reading/internet links

CiSELT Proficient consists of the following modules:

- Getting Started
- Language Awareness
- Teaching Skills

- Core Classroom Issues

The first three modules have five or six units. The final module in contains eight units, of which at least two must be chosen.

CiSELT Advanced is divided into four modules:

- Classroom Processes
- Content Focussed Learning and Teaching
- Creative Learning and Teaching
- Special Needs and Inclusive Learning

Each unit consists of three hours of training but time for assignments is additional to this. Each course module provides approximately 15 hours of content.

Course delivery

CiSELT courses are moderated courses. This means that the courses have fixed start dates and you join a group of trainees to work through the materials according to a schedule. You will be expected to interact with each other and you will be led and supported by an online tutor, who moderates discussions and develops learning points.

Each participant is provided with a user name and password in order to access the website (on the Moodle platform). Moodle can normally be accessed from a computer with little difficulty, even computers with limited bandwidth, though this should be checked before a course opens.

Assessment

In order to pass each level of CiSELT participants must pass:

- three course assignments from different modules
- three to six additional records of work
- one final assignment

These assignments include practical classroom-based tasks that the written assignments are based on.

Course certification

A course certificate is issued on successful participation of the course and completion of the assignments.