

Frequently Asked Questions for the Master of Professional Education (MPEd) in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Program

1. *When does the MPEd TESOL start and finish?*

The start and end dates for the 2018-2019 program are as follows:

September 2018 entry	Start date: The anticipated start date is September 4, 2018	End date: All coursework must be completed by the end of June 2019
January 2019 entry	Start date: The anticipated start date is January 2, 2019	End date: All coursework must be completed by the end of December 2019

Holidays to be determined.

2. *If I am unable to arrive on time for the first day of classes, what is the latest day to arrive and still be eligible to enter the program?*

It is best to arrive early so that you do not miss any classes, and can become familiar with the city of London and Western University.

However, it is possible to miss the first two weeks of classes and still be eligible to enter the program. This means that the latest possible date to arrive for the 2018-2019 program are as follows:

September 2018 entry	Latest date to arrive is September 18, 2018
January 2019 entry	Latest date to arrive is January 16, 2019

3. *When can I submit an application for the 2018-2019 program?*

Admission applications for September 2018 and January 2019 will be available in October 1, 2017.

The admission application deadlines for the 2018-2019 program are as follows:

September 2018 entry	Application and all supporting documents due February 1, 2018
January 2019 entry	Application and all supporting documents due April 30, 2018

Decisions will be made after the application deadline and communicated with applicants accordingly after the deadline.

4. *What is the course schedule?*

Students will complete three courses during the fall term, three courses during the winter term, and two courses during the summer term.

Each class is three hours in length and will be offered once a week in the fall and winter terms.

The two courses in the summer term also have three hour classes, but they are offered twice a week over six weeks, rather than once a week over 12 weeks.

Class schedules can be found on our website by viewing the timetables and timelines: <http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/timelines.html>.

5. *What are the course options?*

The MPED TESOL program is a cohort program. This means that there are no optional courses. Instead all of the students take the same eight courses.

The cohort structure provides ongoing support within the course, enabling students to develop a professional community of practice. To ensure the integrity of the cohort model, continuous enrollment is required, and will necessitate that students complete all the required courses within the timeframe stipulated.

Students will be automatically enrolled in their required courses each term by the Graduate Programs Office.

6. *Is there an internship, co-op, or practicum in the MPED TESOL program?*

There is no internship, co-op, or practicum in the program.

However, there may be the opportunity to enter an English language classroom and observe aspects of effective English language instruction. Our Language Teacher Education course involves critically examining current approaches to second language teacher education and looking at the development of strategies for critical self-awareness and self-evaluation. It includes observation of English for Academic Purposes courses to critically assess components of teaching and learning English language.

7. *Do you provide housing for students?*

Students are encouraged to contact Housing for more information and to arrange their accommodations.

Please check the following links: <http://www.has.uwo.ca/housing/international/> or <http://www.residenceatwestern.ca/> E-mail: housing@uwo.ca or call (1) 519-661-3547.

8. *How do I set up my Western University email?*

The following link provides information on how to set up your university email: <https://myofficeinfo.uwo.ca/> and <http://www.uwo.ca/its/identity/index.html>

9. *Do you provide airport pick up?*

We are unable to pick students up at the airport. However, the following information should be considered when deciding how to come to London.

Flying In

London International Airport (YXU) is located at the east edge of the city, and your best options to get around London are car rental, **Checker Limousine** (can be prebooked online), or a taxi. For more information please visit the following link: <https://www.voyageurtransportation.ca/services>

Taking the Train

We don't recommend taking the train from the airport, but there is a **Via Rail** station in downtown London, near the corner of York and Richmond Streets.

Taking the Bus

Greyhound Bus Lines has a terminal in downtown London on the corner of Talbot and York streets. You can also take a city bus to the residence at Western; at either the corner of King and Richmond or at the corner of Dundas and Richmond. The 2 Dundas bus will take you to campus—just get off at the corner of Western and Sarnia, and walk west on Sarnia to Ontario Hall residence (a five-minute walk).

There are also taxis available at the bus station, and taking one to Western will cost \$15-20.

10. *Do you have an orientation day?*

Orientation for new Master of Professional Education students is TBA. Once details become available, we will be sure to let you know.

11. *Where do I get my Western ONECard (Western ID card) and bus pass?*

Students will need to visit the Office of The Registrar to obtain their Western ONECard - http://registrar.uwo.ca/general-information/western_onecard.html

Students will need to pick up their bus pass after they have obtained their Western ONECard. The bus pass can be picked up from the Society of Graduate Students Office - <http://sogs.ca/index.php/benefits/bus-passes>

12. *What do I do if my student visa application is rejected? Can I defer my start date?*

If you are unable to start in the term you applied for, please contact Tiffany, Graduate Affairs Assistant at (1) 519-661-2111 extension 88686 or tvalent2@uwo.ca

13. *How do I pay my tuition fees?*

Fee related inquiries should be directed to the Office of the Registrar. Information on how to pay tuition can be found on the following link:
http://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/index.html

14. *Useful links*

Faculty of Education Graduate Programs Office:

Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday

Phone: 519-661-2099

E-Mail: graded@uwo.ca

Web: <http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/index.html>

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Office Hours 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Phone: 519-661-2102

E-Mail: gradinfo@uwo.ca

Web: <http://grad.uwo.ca>

Office of the Registrar

Location: Room 1120, Western Student Services

Phone: 519-661-2100

E-Mail: contact.@uwo.ca

Web: www.registrar.uwo.ca

Student Development Centre

Location: Room 4111, Western Student Services

Phone: 519-661-3031

Web: www.sdc.uwo.ca

Areas: Career Centre, Writing Support Centre, Indigenous Services, International Student Services, Learning Skills Services, Psychological Services, Services for Students with Disabilities.

ITS (Computer, Email, OWL Sakai help, main campus)

Location: Support Services Building

Phone: 519-661-3800

Webform: <http://itshelp.uwo.ca>

Web: www.uwo.ca/its

Society of Graduate Students (SOGS)

Location: Room 260, University Community Centre

Phone: 519-661-3394

Fax: 519-661-3374

E-Mail: sogs@uwo.ca

Web: www.uwo.ca/sogs

Student Centre: <https://student.uwo.ca>

Student Services: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca>

Campus Maps: www.geography.uwo.ca/campusmaps

Human Resources: <https://myhr.uwo.ca>

Bookstore: www.bookstore.uwo.ca

OWL Sakai: <http://owl.uwo.ca>

Office of the Ombudsperson: <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds>

Housing-UWO: www.has.uwo.ca/housing