



KNIGHTSBRIDGE
EXAMINATION & TRAINING
CENTRE



Cambridge Assessment
English

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CELTA

INFORMATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW
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The course is intensive and designed to provide practical skills and knowledge for teaching English effectively. It often includes observed teaching practice, where trainees teach real English language learners while receiving feedback from experienced trainers. Keep in mind that the specific content may vary slightly depending on the institution offering the CELTA course, but these are the general areas covered.

1. What are the entry requirements for the CELTA course?

- You do not need any teaching experience but you must have time to dedicate to the course
- You must be coachable as this course is not for the faint hearted as you need to be willing to take on constructive criticism from peers and tutors to move forward and keep improving.
- You **MUST** have a C1 minimum level of English and with proof of level.

2. It is expensive so can we pay in instalments?

- No. There is only a first €500 payment to secure the place (which is refunded if tutors do not feel you are suitable for the course after the interview) and 75% must be paid by the deadline date or you will lose the deposit. If you wish you wish to make an interim payment contact the centre.

3. Is previous teaching experience required?

- No

4. What is the application process like?

- Complete application form
- provide personal statement
- Pre-interview task
- interview
- Pre-course task

5. What does the CELTA course cover?

It often includes observed teaching practice, where trainees teach real English language learners while receiving feedback from experienced trainers. Keep in mind that the specific content may vary slightly depending on the institution offering the CELTA course, but these are the general areas covered:

- Language Analysis: Understanding the structure and usage of the English language, including grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.
- Teaching Methodology: Learning effective teaching techniques and methodologies for language instruction.
- Lesson Planning: Developing the skills to plan and structure effective lessons that cater to the needs of adult learners.
- Classroom Management: Acquiring strategies for managing a classroom, engaging students, and creating a positive learning environment.

- Teaching Practice: Engaging in practical teaching sessions where trainees have the opportunity to apply the principles they've learned in real classroom settings.
- Feedback and Reflection: Receiving feedback on teaching practice sessions and learning to reflect on and improve teaching methods.
- Language Skills Development: Focusing on developing the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
- Cultural Awareness: Understanding the cultural aspects that may impact language learning and teaching in diverse contexts.
- Assessment and Testing: Exploring methods of assessing students' language proficiency and understanding the role of testing in language education.

6. Is there a pre-course task?

- Yes, and it is lengthy so you must get started as soon as you are approved onto the course.

7. Can I miss any part of the course?

You need 100% attendance to pass the CELTA course. On rare occasions (for exceptional circumstances such as illness) you can arrange to miss a day and catch up. However, this will be assessed by the tutor on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed. It will also be reflected in your final report.

8. How is the course assessed?

- **Teaching practice:** The number of obligatory observed lessons, also known as teaching practice (TP) sessions, can vary slightly depending on the specific structure of the CELTA course and the training centre offering it. However, in most CELTA courses, trainees are required to complete a minimum of six hours of teaching practice. These teaching practice sessions are a crucial component of the CELTA course, allowing trainees to apply the teaching techniques and methodologies they've learned in real classroom settings. During these sessions, trainees teach actual English language learners, and their lessons are observed by experienced trainers and peers. Feedback is provided after each session to help trainees reflect on their performance and make improvements.
- **4 written assignments:** you pass or fail an assignment. You are allowed to resubmit each assignment once only.
- **External moderation:** each CELTA course is externally moderated by an assessor from Cambridge University. The assessor visits the centre during the second half of the course and looks at trainees' portfolios and assignments and observes their teaching practice.

9. Are there any accommodations for non-native English speakers?

- CELTA is for anyone who would like to teach. You have to have a minimum of C1 to cope with the written and teaching components successfully.

10. What are the job prospects after completing CELTA?

Completing the CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) can significantly enhance your job prospects in the field of English language teaching. Here are some key aspects to consider:

- **International Recognition:** The CELTA is highly respected and widely recognized globally. It is accredited by Cambridge Assessment English, which adds credibility to your qualification. Many language schools and institutions around the world specifically seek teachers with CELTA certification, including summer school recruitments.

- **Increased Employability:** Having a CELTA opens opportunities to teach English to adults or young learners in a variety of settings, including language schools, private language institutes, universities, and businesses. Employers often prioritize candidates with CELTA certification due to the rigorous training and practical experience it provides.

- **Quality Training:** The CELTA course is known for its practical focus and hands-on teaching practice. This training equips you with the essential skills needed to plan and deliver effective English language lessons.
- **Diverse Teaching Opportunities:** CELTA-qualified teachers can find opportunities to teach a wide range of students, from beginners to advanced learners, and in different contexts such as general English, business English, summer courses or exam preparation courses.
- **Career Progression:** CELTA is a solid foundation for those considering a long-term career in English language teaching. Many teachers use it as a stepping stone to pursue higher qualifications, such as the DELTA (Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults) and move into more advanced teaching roles or teacher training positions.
- **Online Teaching Opportunities:** With the increasing demand for online language learning, CELTA-qualified teachers are well-positioned to explore remote teaching opportunities, working for online language platforms or conducting private online lessons.

While the CELTA does not guarantee a job, it significantly enhances your competitiveness in the job market. Additionally, gaining practical teaching experience during the course allows you to demonstrate your abilities to potential employers as you will leave with a provisional report until you get your certificate. It's essential to actively seek job opportunities, apply to positions aligned with your interests and goals, and continue your professional development in the field.

11. Does the centre offer accommodation?

Yes, but we have limited accommodation at an additional cost. It must be booked and paid in advance with the CELTA payment. We have single or shared rooms.

12. What is the timetable like?

You will have teaching practice in the morning and theoretical input in the afternoon or vice versa. You will usually have a one hour lunch break and you can stay in after the training ends for planning purposes or self-study until the centre closes.

13. Can I work while taking the CELTA course?

This is not recommended as it takes up a lot of your time. Candidates who have done this in the past have ended up quitting due to the intensity and high demands of a pass grade at CELTA. You should avoid any type of distractions.

14. What are the recommended books?

The recommended book list for the CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) course can vary depending on the training center and the specific curriculum they follow. However, there are some widely recognized and commonly recommended books that cover essential topics in language teaching and methodology. Here's a list of books that are often considered useful for CELTA candidates:

"Learning Teaching" by Jim Scrivener: This book provides a comprehensive introduction to the principles of teaching English, covering various aspects of language teaching methodology.

"The Practice of English Language Teaching" by Jeremy Harmer: A well-regarded book that covers key concepts in language teaching, including lesson planning, teaching skills, and classroom management.

"How to Teach English" by Jeremy Harmer: Another book by Harmer that offers practical advice and techniques for teaching English to language learners.

"Teaching English Grammar" by Jim Scrivener: Focuses specifically on the teaching of grammar, offering practical tips and activities for language teachers.

"Practical English Usage" by Michael Swan
OR

"Grammar for English Language Teachers" by Martin Parrott: Focus on grammar from the perspective of a language teacher, providing practical insights into how to teach grammar effectively.

It's a good idea to check with the centre to see if they have a recommended book list for their course. Additionally, during the CELTA course, you may receive handouts, materials, and resources specific to the curriculum and requirements of your training centre. Please note we are very strict about copyright laws though.



Next Course:
Dates: 05 - 30 August

Enrolment deadline:
31 March
(application + task + proof of payment)

Fees:
€1695.00

Venue:
Porto / Gaia