

# Licence to teach



At Cambridge English For Life, teachers learn to teach effectively.

**A** TEACHER plays an endless list of roles – he teaches not only textbook materials but also life skills. A teacher sees each child as unique and encourages individual talents and strengths. Most of all, a teacher has to manage the whims and fancies of his students and meet the expectations of their parents.

We believe and agree that teachers have to be trained – qualified and certified and of course, licensed to teach. Yet we struggle to define not only what makes a good teacher, but also how to become one.

Teaching, like any discipline, requires “heart work”, commitment and persistence. Effective teaching requires more than that, however. Cambridge English for Life (CEFL) prepares and equips teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge.

The Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT) is a professional teaching diploma that helps develop the skills needed to be a successful teacher. Highly respected worldwide, this prestigious diploma will also enhance career prospects. It sets international performance standards for the skills, knowledge and understanding required to be competent, confident and effective in a teaching or training role.

CIDTT is ideal for those who are already teaching and wish to enhance their skills and job prospects. It can help widen horizons and open new doors of opportunity.

Modern education programmes and techniques are diversifying rapidly. Education is taking place in an ever-increasing variety of context and the idea of “life-long education” has been around for a long time. Media such as television and the Internet bring a wide array of information into people’s daily lives. Therefore, the expectations of learners are higher in terms of learning programme design, activities and teaching skills.

By adopting a systematic approach to training, the CIDTT programme provides a clear and detailed framework for developing effective teaching methods,

strategies and skills, as well as the means to tackle a wide variety of teaching and learning situations. The modules are based on the key stages of the teaching-learning cycle, which are covered comprehensively and apply to all subject areas and grade levels.

In developing teaching skills and experience, CIDTT candidates become more confident and effective. The vehicles for such development are the imagination, persistence, determination, care and enterprise. Teaching is very much a personal business. It could be argued that confidence in one’s professional practice will have a beneficial effect on how one sees one’s job and future.

CEFL is a Cambridge International Centre for the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) and has been conducting the CIDTT programme since 2002. Over the years, thousands of students and teachers have benefited from CEFL’s unique approach to practical, academic, vocational and professional training.

CEFL’s long list of accolades includes CIE certification of Dr Elsie Chin, CEFL’s CIDTT lead tutor, as a master trainer; preparing the first CIDTT candidate in the world to achieve a grade of distinction for all four modules and providing training for teachers of a number of private and international schools in Malaysia.

CEFL’s CIDTT programme is now an approved course with HRDC (Human Resources Development Council) so that fees may be claimed from HRDF (Human Resources Development Fund) by subscribing organisations.

Most CEFL courses are designed to prepare learners for the University of Cambridge ESOL tests and examinations, which start for children as young as seven. They progress step-by-step to reach the most advanced examination, the Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE).

• For details about CIDTT and other CEFL courses, call 03-7883 0912 or visit [www.cambridgefor-life.org](http://www.cambridgefor-life.org)