

# CELTA – About the course

# **Course topics**

#### Learners and teachers, and the teaching and learning context

This topic includes:

- · understanding the cultural and linguistic backgrounds of learners, and how this might affect their learning of English
- understanding different learning preferences.

## Language analysis and awareness

This topic includes:

- understanding key terminology used in English language teaching, applying this terminology in planning and teaching
- demonstrating a working knowledge of English grammar, lexis and phonology.

### Language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing

This topic includes:

- · understanding basic concepts and terminology used for describing reading, listening, speaking and writing skills, applying this to teaching
- · understanding how approaches to texts may vary depending on the purpose, making practical use of this in teaching.

#### Planning and resources for different teaching contexts

This topic includes:

- understanding the purpose and principles of planning for effective teaching
- selecting and planning the kinds of lessons that are most appropriate for particular learners
- evaluating lesson preparation and reflecting on this for planning future lessons.

# Developing teaching skills and professionalism

This topic includes:

- effectively organising the classroom, both in terms of layout and pair/group activities
- making appropriate use of a range of materials and resources
- involving learners of different ability levels, enabling them to feel a sense of progress.