

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Language Centre

COURSE INFORMATION 2026

C112

Advanced Specialist Certificate in Teaching Reading and Writing

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(Important: This document should be read by all applicants prior to completing the application form for admission)

Course Overview

Rationale	 This course deals with the principles, design, and procedures in teaching reading and writing in the EL classroom. The integration of theory and classroom practice will be achieved via sample lesson plans and micro-teaching sessions. Key theories of reading and writing and current approaches to teaching reading and writing will be explored and discussed vis-à-vis the course participants' teaching and learning contexts. There will be a special focus on helping participants to make the transition from using traditional print-based to multimodal materials. 	
Duration	3 weeks (54 hours)	
Expected Learning Outcomes	 By the end of the course, participants will be able to: Acquire an up-to-date knowledge of theories, principles, and practices in the teaching of reading and writing; and Develop and microteach lessons in teaching different reading and writing skills and sub-skills. 	
Components	Teaching ReadingTeaching Writing	
Delivery	This course is conducted on-site and in-person through: In-person lessons and Independent online learning/Self-directed group discussion/Flipped learning/Consultation	
Assessment	AssignmentsWritten Exam	

Course Requirements

To complete the course successfully, a candidate must:

- a) Satisfy class attendance requirements;
- b) Attain a satisfactory standard in required course work; and
- c) Complete all assignments and a written exam.

A course participant whose progress has not been satisfactory may be required to terminate his/her candidature.

Course Award

The course will lead to the award of an Advanced Specialist Certificate in Teaching Reading and Writing.

Entry Requirements

The requirements for admission to the course are:

- a) An approved Bachelor's degree (or equivalent qualifications) in Linguistics, English Language, TESOL or Education;
- b) At least two years of full-time English language teaching experience or experience in English language/curriculum planning and language development programmes[#]; and
- c) Minimum language test scores for any of the following:
 - IELTS: 6.5;
 - TOEFL: 550 paper-based/543 ITP: 213 computer-based: 79 internet-based/iBT;
 - Pearson Test of English (PTE): 65 (with a 'Communicative' score of at least 58)
 - GCE O Level English: B4;
 - GCE A Level General Paper: C6;
 - Cambridge Advanced English (CAE): C
 - SPM 1119 English: B (GPK/PNG 3.00) / Kepujian Tinggi
 - STPM General Paper/English Literature: B- (CGPA/HGMP 2.67)
 - Malaysian University English test (MUET): Band 4
 - CU TEP score: 65 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5)
 - APTIS (all four macro skills): B2
 - Duolingo English Test (>120) (equivalent to IELTS 6.5)
 - Cambridge English Qualifications: C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176 or higher, with each skill score of at least 169.

Note: Applicants who do not meet criterion (c) will be required to pass the RELC Selection Test.

^{*} Nominees whose teaching experience is not recent or current but who intend to take on a teaching role after the course should indicate this plan/ intent clearly in Section 3 (personal statement) of their completed RELC application form.

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As some of the lesson components require you to be online, participants must ensure that they have the following:

- Desktop/Notebook PC (Windows OS/Mac OS) with an internet browser
- Stable internet connection
- Webcam
 - Word processing software to type documents and create presentations (e.g. Microsoft Office (2003 upwards) or Open Office)

Application ————————————————————————————————————				
Intere	sted applicants must submit the following documents:			
	RELC Application Form (completed and endorsed)			
	Officially certified copies of certificates of degrees/diplomas			
	Officially certified copies of transcripts.			
	Where a transcript is in a language other than English, it should be accompanied by a certified translation into English.			
	(In the absence of a transcript, a certified statement on the degrees/academic qualifications achieved with a listing of subjects studied and subject examination results is required.)			
	Officially certified copies of current/valid IELTS, TOEFL, or other valid test results			

Note: Shortlisted applicants not residing in Singapore will be required to complete a medical declaration and undergo a medical examination in their home countries as part of the application process. Details of these will be provided to shortlisted applicants in due course.