

PAI CHAI UNIVERSITY | DAEJEON, SOUTH KOREA



PCU Graduate TESOL Program

Master of Arts (MA) & Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in TESOL
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages



배재대학교 PAI CHAI UNIVERSITY

Program Overview

 MA IN TESOL

 PH.D. IN TESOL

Cultivating Top-Tier TESOL Professionals

The Graduate Program in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Pai Chai University is designed to cultivate top-tier TESOL professionals who can lead and innovate in the rapidly changing global AI era. Adopting a competency-based approach, our program is tailored for both new and experienced TESOL professionals.

English-Exclusive Curriculum

Taught exclusively in English, the curriculum is designed to equip you with the essential mindsets, knowledge, and skills, using cutting-edge tools to innovate professional practices in English teaching, communication, and coaching.



Three Professional Certification Tracks

Our MA/Ph.D. TESOL program is specialized in three professional certification tracks, allowing you to become an expert in the chosen area of specialty. Gain hands-on experience through a curriculum that optimally blends theory with practice. Join us to become an innovative leader and shape the future of the TESOL and the broader fields of professional communication and educational technology.

TRACK 01

Technology & AI-based English Teaching & Language Testing

Focuses on advanced tech tools, generative AI, multimedia, and edtech platforms for modern teaching and assessment.

 Professional Certificate

TRACK 02

Coaching for English Learning & Communication

Prepares teachers to become professional coaches in 1-on-1 and group settings using interactive 2-way communication.

 Professional Certificate

TRACK 03

Teaching English for Professional Business Communication

Integrates language, culture, and business strategies for global professionals through task-based instruction.

 Professional Certificate

Track 1: Technology & AI-based English Teaching & Language Testing



TRACK CHAIR

Prof. Kim, Jungtae (Ph.D., UIUC)

Track Overview

This specialization track equips students to become professional developers and users of advanced technological tools including generative AI, multimedia resources, and a wide range of educational technology software, platforms, and devices for teaching and testing English as a second or foreign language.



Certification Awarded:

Professional Certificate in Technology and AI-based English Teaching & Language Testing.



Track 2: Coaching for English Learning & Communication



TRACK CHAIR

Prof. Cho, Young Woo (Ph.D., UIUC)

Track Overview

This specialization prepares English teachers to become professional coaches for English language learning and communication in both one-on-one and group-based settings. The program places a strong emphasis on acquiring coaching theories and practices to facilitate interactive, two-way coaching communication conducted in English.



Certification Awarded:

Professional Certificate in Coaching for English Learning & Communication.



Track 3: Teaching English for Professional Business Communication



TRACK CHAIR

Prof. Cho, Young Woo (Ph.D., UIUC)

Track Overview

This specialization equips English teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach English for professional business communication. The program focuses on the integration of language, culture, and professional communication strategies essential for global business purposes. Through practical training in business discourse, intercultural communication, and task-based instruction, students learn to design and deliver effective English instruction tailored to the needs of global business professionals.



Certification Awarded:

Professional Certificate in Teaching English for Professional Business Communication.



Extracurricular Program: L.I.F.E. Coaching Lab

PCU CHAPTER

Learn · Inspire · Flourish · Empower (L.I.F.E.)

Self-Development & Coaching Practicum

Grounding on positive psychology and professional coaching, **L.I.F.E. Coaching Lab** equips TESOL graduate students with irreplaceable human-centric competencies in the AI era. It offers hands-on coaching practice, leadership training, and global communication experiences.

Advisors: Prof. Kim, Jungtae & Prof. Cho, Young Woo | Head Coach: Kim, Seul-gi (MA TESOL)

5 CORE COMPETENCIES DEVELOPED



1. Positive Values

Grit, resilience, and strength-based mindset.



2. Coaching Comm

Empathy, listening, & 2-way collaboration.



3. Global Comm

English mastery with cross-cultural coaching.



4. Self-Agency

Metacognition & creative AI problem-solving.



5. Well-being

Self-regulation, routines, & emotional health.

Key Activities & Student Benefits

Positive Psych Seminars

Global Comm & English

Book Talks

Growth Project Coaching

Expert Seminars on AI

Membership Benefits: Professional mentoring, academic networking, project funding support, and scholarship opportunities for active regular members.



Qualifications & Degree Eligibility

Master of Arts (MA) in TESOL

Applicants for the MA TESOL Program must have completed a bachelor's degree or above from an accredited four-year institution. Those who expect to complete a bachelor's degree in August 2026 are also eligible to apply.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in TESOL

Applicants for the Ph.D. TESOL Program must have completed a master's degree or above from an accredited graduate school. Those who expect to complete a master's degree in August 2026 are also eligible to apply.

Language Proficiency Requirements for International Applicants

- ✓ * All international applicants must submit an official score report with **TOPIK Level 3** or **TOEFL iBT 71 (CBT 197)**, **IELTS 5.5**, or **CEFR B2**.
- ✓ ** Applicants with TOPIK Level 2 or below must obtain 300 hours of Korean language courses during the program (cost: 2,400,000 KRW, subject to change).

Evaluation Criteria



- Interview in English
80%
- Statement of Purpose
20%

✓ Core Evaluative Factors

For both MA and Ph.D. applicants, **English proficiency, quality of explanation, depth of knowledge, and relevant professional experience** will be considered in the evaluative process.

📖 Ph.D. Applicants Priority

For Ph.D. applicants, research capacity will be given priority during the evaluation process.

Scholarships & Tuition Fees

PCU Graduate TESOL Program offers **financial aid** in the form of scholarships to qualified applicants.

TIER 1 FINANCIAL AID

50% Tuition Waiver

Applicable for the First Semester

Awarded to students who obtain **TOPIK Level 4**, **TOEFL PBT 530 / iBT 71 / CBT 197**, **IELTS 5.5**, **CEFR B2**, **TEPS 600**, or **NEW TEPS 326**.

Admission Fee (First Semester Only): 806,000 KRW (subject to change)

Tuition (Per Semester): MA 4,264,000 KRW | Ph.D. 4,376,000 KRW (subject to change)

TIER 2 FINANCIAL AID

20% Tuition Waiver

Standard Scholarship

Granted to students who do not meet the Tier 1 language standards above.

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Please email us for up-to-date information as figures are subject to change due to exchange rates or tuition policy adjustments.