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# Welcome to VanWest College!

## University of Cambridge Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)

### Description

The University of Cambridge Certificates are among the most widely recognized English language examinations in the world. VanWest is pleased to include Cambridge's internationally recognized Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) in our range of Cambridge programs.

VanWest's two-month program is recommended for teachers at all stages in their careers who would like Cambridge certification and professional recognition. It is also suitable for those who plan to teach English and want to improve their chances of getting a suitable job. In addition to preparing for the TKT examination, candidates will develop practical skills in the classroom. It's an excellent way to enhance or begin your teaching career!

\* Please note that TKT examinations are graded on a band scale from one to four rather than pass/fail.

### Prerequisite

The TKT program is recommended for teachers and aspiring teachers whose English level is at an intermediate to advanced level. Candidates must write our Cambridge Placement test to ensure that minimum requirements for this program are met. Home country level testing can be arranged to determine if a candidate is ready to enter the TKT program.

**Minimum Level:**

PET or Level 4 completion

**Entrance Requirement:**

Successful QPT score

**Vancouver Start Dates:**

March 9<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Program:**

8 weeks – 30 hrs/week



### What do candidates learn in the TKT program?

The program is divided into three core modules, each of which focuses on a different aspect of teaching.

*Module One: Language and background to language learning and teaching*

Candidates are provided with an opportunity to brush up their skills while learning how to teach the basics: grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking. In addition, TKT candidates will explore the background of language learning, investigating issues such as motivation and learner characteristics.

*Module Two: Planning lessons and using resources*

TKT candidates get to the "nitty gritty" of teaching English. Candidates are invited to identify their teaching goals while planning lessons. In addition, classes focus on the components of a lesson plan. Candidates will explore teaching and reference materials as well as teaching aids.

*Module Three: Managing the teaching and learning process*

This module could also be described as "classroom management". Candidates are given useful tools for more productive time in the classroom. Advice on giving feedback and corrections is explored, as well as an examination of the roles of teachers and students in the modern classroom.

### The VanWest Advantage

Candidates in the VanWest TKT program will have the opportunity to observe classes and develop lesson plans. Eventually candidates will plan and teach lessons both to peers and international students. Feedback will be given by teacher mentors. By the end of the program, candidates will have their own teaching portfolios.

### What about certification?

- Candidates who successfully complete the two-month program will receive a Diploma of Completion from VanWest College.
- Candidates who, due to professional constraints, are limited to attending classes for one month, are eligible for a Certificate of Completion.
- Official Cambridge TKT examinations are offered monthly. Candidates who wish to sit for these exams are encouraged to register early.

*VanWest College is an official Cambridge testing Center.  
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