

ELTeach Endorsement Statement

ELTeach is an online integrated professional development, assessment, and certificate program which supports teachers with the knowledge and language to teach English in English, developed by National Geographic Learning/Cengage learning and Educational Testing Service. ELTeach program is informed by an international panel of experts, which has two strands: English-for Teaching & Professional Knowledge for ELT. Each strand has online course, assessment and reporting.

School of Foreign Language and Literature, Beijing Normal university organized a panel including ELT Specialist from universities and research institutes, ELT coordinators, to have an endorsement meeting for ELTeach program. After comprehensive discussion, conclusions are made as below:

1. ELTeach program has scientific and systematic courses content, which is designed to ensure Chinese English Language teachers have the language and professional knowledge necessary to implement their teaching.
2. ELTeach program has thoroughly integrated course and assessment, which effectively address the disjointing between English Language Teacher Training and results evaluation of the training. While-learning reporting improves the learning, and post learning reporting also provides data for future professional development.
3. ELTeach programs is online and self-accessed, which delivers a standardized professional development program. It is accessible anywhere and anytime, thereby accommodating teachers' busy schedules. It can meet requirements from teachers of different areas and different levels.
4. ELTeach program online course homepage is clear and easy to use. The necessary supporting platform ensures the successful completion of the course.

Overall, ELTeach program meets the professional development needs of Chinese English Language Teachers, which has unique advantages comparing to traditional teacher training. From the implementations in Guangdong, Guizhou, Zhejiang, Beijing and other areas, the competence of teachers have been improved obviously. ELTeach program does not work for in-service English Language teachers, but also pre-service teachers.

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