

FAQs for CTE-ELP Website

Q: How do I know my certification Level?

A: Certification levels are based on scores on the speaking section of a recognized standardized test (for example, IELTS) submitted to Texas A&M. [For more information, go to this webpage and scroll to the section English Language Proficiency Certification for Teaching.](#)

Q: What is the time commitment for a conditionally certified TA?

A: The short answer is *five hours per week until the TA reaches Level 1*. Conditionally certified TAs are required to first complete an intake assessment with a CTE-ELP consultant. The consultant will then work with the TA to build a customized schedule composed of five hours a week of workshops and other practice activities. Once the TA takes the ELPE (or another recognized test) and achieves a Level 1 score, they are released from this requirement.

Q: How much does it cost to participate in the CTE-ELP?

A: All services provided by the CTE-ELP are free.

Q: Do I take the English Language Proficiency Exam (ELPE) through the CTE-ELP?

A: No, you will register for and take the exam (for a fee) through [Testing Services](#).

Q: How can I register for CTE-ELP services?

A: To begin participating, please fill out [this survey](#) where you will provide your contact information and indicate the particular services you are interested in. The services we provide are located on the [CTE-ELP homepage](#).

Q: I've been told I need to have an intake assessment with CTE-ELP. How do I sign up for that?

A: Send an email to cte-elp@tamu.edu with your name and UIN and request an intake assessment. Please note, intake assessments are reserved for current Teaching Assistants (TAs/GAT/GAL) and faculty members.

Q: What courses does the CTE-ELP offer?

A: The CTE-ELP offers a variety of workshops and other practice opportunities for improving English speaking proficiency, but does not offer English courses. To see an overview of the kinds of services we offer, [visit this webpage](#). To view and register for our current workshops, visit ers.tamu.edu/elp.