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.