

University of Cambridge

**Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
(CELTA)**

Brenton Neilsen

Recommended grade: Pass

This is to certify that **Brenton Neilsen** successfully completed the Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) at Holmesglen Institute, Melbourne, Australia in June 2016. The 133-hour part-time course over 19 weeks was comprised of face-to-face instruction, six hours of supervised teaching practice in current pre-intermediate and upper-intermediate ESL classes at Holmesglen and six hours of classroom observation of experienced ESL teachers.

Brenton was able to plan thoughtfully, setting clear contexts and developing logically sequenced integrated lessons, with appropriate procedures for both skills and language-focussed lessons. He planned thoroughly for all his lessons and researched language points for teaching in depth. He also made good progress in checking meaning, using concept questions to check students' understanding

As the course progressed, his pace and timing improved. Instructions also improved in terms of directness and brevity. His friendly classroom presence meant that he quickly developed rapport with the students. He varied activities from individual to pairs, groups and whole class and devised some good communicative activities.

Brenton passed all four written assignments. His assignments were well researched and consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding of issues influencing the teaching of a language, ability to analyse language for teaching and ability to evaluate his own progress as a teacher.

During the course Brenton responded sensitively to student needs and was able to further his teaching knowledge regarding:

- learners and teachers, and the teaching and learning context
- language analysis and awareness
- language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing
- planning and resources for different contexts
- developing teaching skills and professionalism

Brenton was a thoughtful, reliable team member and his recommended **PASS** grade is based on his overall ability in the classroom and the degree of professionalism demonstrated during 6 hours of teaching practice. As a new English language teacher, Brenton be a welcome addition to any TESOL staff. We wish him well in the future.



Jon Bunce
(CELTA tutor)



Serafina Giannone
(CELTA tutor)

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