

TESAP (Teaching English for Specific Academic Purpose)

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TESAP (Teaching English for Specific Academic Purpose) was a certificate course conducted by the University of Moratuwa in order to enhance the theoretical and practical knowledge of university educators. I completed it on the 1st of January 2016. It consisted of three major modules and a teaching practicum of fifteen weeks. The main modules were Key Concepts in TESAP, Academic Reading and Writing, Pedagogical Practices and Methodology for ESAP (1) and Pedagogical Practices and Methodology for ESAP (2) – Teaching Practicum. This course was specially designed for university educators to give them the knowledge of catering for the needs of undergraduate students and the language skills to continue their academic work. In the teaching practicum, the students were asked to write five lesson plans along with the teaching practice evaluated by the supervisor.

I believe that this TESAP course gave me the confidence, practice, and theoretical knowledge to confront Undergraduates. As my learners are young adults, I got the skills to cater for their language needs and requirements through the language skills enhancement programme. After completing this course, I incorporated catering Specific Academic Needs into my learners' curriculum. I mostly included engineering-related content, and texts in their teaching materials to arouse their interest and to aid them in their academic-related work. At the end of the day, I should say that this TESAP course supports me a lot to enhance my career and upgrade my professional qualification as a university educator.

