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TESOL Announces Four New Self-Study Online Courses

Alexandria, VA (14 November 2017) – Following the success of <u>three self-study courses launched</u> <u>in 2016</u>, TESOL International Association has expanded their on-demand course offerings. These four new courses were designed with both English language and content-area educators in mind, and focus on topics such as helping English learners succeed in math and science, and grammar instruction.

The new self-study courses include <u>ESL for the Secondary Mathematics Teacher</u>, <u>ESL for the</u> <u>Secondary Science Teacher</u>, <u>Exploring Grammar: Phrasal Structures</u>, and <u>Exploring Grammar:</u> <u>Multiclause Structures</u>. Each course contains four modules and features readings, activities, video tutorials, and classroom vignettes.

Through the self-study model, participants are able to enhance their careers and grow professionally on their own schedule and from anywhere in the world.

"We have been seeing a growing trend in the demand for more self-paced professional development offerings," notes Sarah Sahr, director of professional learning and research at TESOL. "Our mission is to advance quality in English language teaching, and if offering more self-study courses can help teachers around the world improve their teaching practices, then it's our responsibility to provide them with that opportunity."

Each self-study course has been vetted and approved by TESOL's <u>Professional Development</u> <u>Professional Council</u> to ensure quality programming. The three previously released courses, which debuted in July 2016, have been extremely popular with educators across the globe. In expanding the self-study offerings, TESOL seeks to increase access to educational opportunities for teachers who work with English language learners.

"The end goal is always student success," says Christopher Powers, TESOL executive director. "Educators know this—it's why they do what they do. TESOL is here to support those teachers so they can reach their goals of helping every student achieve excellence." Self-study online courses can be registered for and accessed any time. For more information on these and other professional development opportunities through TESOL, please visit <u>www.tesol.org/learn</u>.

About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, <u>TESOL International Association</u> is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English.

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