

# TEACHER TRAINING

## HOW TO PREPARE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FOR OET

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4-6  
HOURS

ONLINE

Growing numbers of healthcare professionals – doctors, nurses and allied health professionals – now take OET, the international test of healthcare English, as it has become recognised by healthcare regulatory bodies and border authorities around the world.

However, for many English teachers, OET presents a real challenge. Preparing students to achieve a high score in a high stakes test is difficult enough without having to also teach what may include unfamiliar healthcare-specific language and communication scenarios, such as discussing symptoms, giving diagnoses, and describing treatments or surgery.

SLC was the first OET-accredited Premium Preparation Provider in Europe and has taught thousands of healthcare professionals to achieve the grades they need to satisfy regulatory requirements so they can work in English-speaking countries.

We work with the National Health Service in the UK, healthcare employers, educational providers and professionals around the world. We have also published online OET preparation courses for Medicine and Nursing tests.

The SLC Academic team draws on this deep knowledge and experience to train your teachers to deliver outstanding OET preparation courses.

### Training objectives

This four-hour training session familiarises teachers with the different parts of the OET test (formats, question types), the challenges candidates face, the current materials landscape, key strategies to use when teaching and giving feedback, and the test marking criteria, especially for the Writing and Speaking papers.

### Key features

- ✓ Pre-course questionnaire
- ✓ Session length: 4 hours (2 x 2-hours)
- ✓ Delivery method: online, using Zoom
- ✓ Maximum number of participants: 10
- ✓ Tech requirements: one laptop/PC per participant, with webcam, headset and mic



# Course Content

## Introduction to the four OET papers

- Format
- Question and text types
- Specific challenges
- OET exam strategies

## Materials & Classroom Tasks

- Sourcing materials for reading and listening
- Adapting materials for OET practice

## Working with Healthcare Professionals

- Specific challenges
- Group training vs one-to-one
- Teaching medical English

## Understanding the OET Writing Paper

- Understanding case notes
- Applying the marking criteria in writing

## Understanding the OET Speaking Paper

- Preparing for profession-specific role plays
- Applying the marking criteria in speaking

## Extension

An additional two hours can be added to give participants time to discuss any specific questions they have and to try techniques and activities out. This practical application can make a real difference to how teachers retain and then use the learning from the training session.

## Price per group

**4 hours:** £380

**6 hours** (session + extension): £570

All materials included

## Meet some of SLC's teacher trainers



### Bethan Edwards

Bethan ensures the courses SLC delivers are of the highest quality.

She trains SLC's

teachers to get the best out of online classrooms and to give test preparation courses that get hugely impressive results. Bethan has a wide range of experience, having taught at schools and universities, trained teachers, written courses and materials, run assessment projects, and managed schools for many years before joining SLC in 2016.



### Jo Langford

Jo is a DELTA-qualified teacher, teacher trainer, materials writer and course designer.

Since joining SLC in 2016, she has taught hundreds of nurses and doctors from around the world to pass the OET and IELTS tests, so enabling them to register and work in English speaking countries. Jo trains teachers and develops SLC's learning materials and online classroom methodology.



### Alexia Sporidis

Alexia is a highly experienced DELTA-qualified English language

teacher and teacher trainer with many years of international and online teaching experience. Alexia specialises in exam preparation, including OET, IELTS and the Cambridge suite, and teaching English for Academic Purposes. Alexia works with NHS Trusts and on the NHS England International GP Recruitment programme. Her feedback and results are consistently outstanding.



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