

TSE Workshop Overview

Northwestern University ESL Program

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Overview

The TSE workshops are designed for those who are preparing to take the TSE or SPEAK tests in the near future. The fall workshop series is timed in order to lead up to the November TSE administration (the results of which will return before the beginning of the winter quarter). This particular series will be somewhat different than other series because of recent changes in the structure of the TSE. The workshops will commit a significant amount of time to going over these new question types and giving participants as much practice with these questions as possible in addition to instructor feedback.

Schedule

Session 1 Saturday, October 11th, 9am-noon; Kresge 45 (1-301)
Overview of TSE/SPEAK, test-taking strategies, practice test

Session 2 Saturday, October 18th, 9am-noon; Kresge 45 (1-301)
New TSE question #7

Session 3 Saturday, October 25th, 9am-noon; Kresge 45 (1-301)
New TSE question #8

Session 4 Saturday, November 1st, 9am-noon; Kresge 45 (1-301)
New TSE question #9

Session 5 Saturday, November 8th, 9am-noon; Kresge 45 (1-301)
Full-length practice tests

Materials

- Students are advised to bring their own cassette tape so that they may take home their practice responses and review and reflect on their performance.
- A textbook is available for TSE preparation (Papajohn, D. 1998 *Toward Speaking Excellence* by University of Michigan Press). However, this text is now somewhat outdated because of the recent changes. It is therefore an optional (but useful) resource.