

Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL, TEFL, and TESOL)

Obtaining a TESL, TEFL, or TESOL certificate can help immeasurably in your international job search. Many language schools abroad will only hire university graduates who have the TEFL certificates (although there are exceptions by country; Turkey, for example). Worldwide vacancies exist for qualified teachers. Many of the agencies and institutions which offer the certificate also maintain placement files or run recruitment fairs to help you with finding employment.

- There is a high demand for services in Eastern Europe although wages are lower.
- Areas which welcome US citizens include Turkey, Egypt, Japan, China, Taiwan, South America and Africa.
- If you're planning to teach in Europe, contact the individual language schools. A background in American business English is helpful.
- The American-based courses are designed with American speakers in mind; the British with British English.

United States Training Programs

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) www.tesol.org

TESOL, Inc.
700 South Washington Street
Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-836-0774

Publishes vacancies and a quarterly journal. Runs a placement service and sponsors an annual conference which attracts language schools from all over the world. Fee for joining.

The Center for Applied Linguistics <http://www.cal.org>

4646 40th St, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Promotes the teaching of language and cultures. Website has a variety of resources for ESL.

Worldwide Classroom <http://public.worldwide.edu/index.html>

Consortium for International Education & Multicultural Studies
P.O. Box 1166
Milwaukee, WI 53201
Tel: (414) 224-3476
Fax: (414) 224-3466
E-Mail: info@worldwide.edu

Extensive resources for programs worldwide.

School of Teaching English as a Second Language www.schooloftesl.com

9620 Stone Ave N
Suite #101
Seattle, WA 98103
206-781-8607

Earn Seattle University credits and a teaching certificate through their program.

St. Giles Language Teaching Center <http://www.stgiles-usa.com>

785 Market Street
San Francisco
CA 94103-2024
415-788-3552
San Francisco-based ESL training center.

Transworld Teachers Training Center <http://www.transworldschools.com/>

701 Sutter Street, 6th Floor,

San Francisco, CA 94109 USA

Toll-free: 1.888.588.8335

Tel: 415.928.2835

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Email: info@transworldschools.com

Offers TEFL teaching certificate course. One month intensive course or three month part-time.

Additional Opportunities at American Colleges and Universities

In addition to the centers listed above, many American colleges and universities offer TESL courses which you can research through the web. Colleges providing TESL courses include but are not limited to:

Appalachian State, University of Arizona, Ball State University (IN), Brigham Young University (UT), Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ), Georgetown University (DC), Hawaii Pacific University (HI), Portland State University (OR), University of California, Irvine (CA), University of Delaware (DE), University of Illinois, University of New Hampshire, Wright State University (OH), and the University of Georgia.

British-based TEFL programs

There are two recognized TEFL certifications in Britain (excluding MA courses) that lead to employment, the CELTA (formerly RSA Cambridge Certificate) and the CertTESOL offered by Trinity College. For more information, contact the schools below.

CELTA Cambridge Certificate <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/teaching/celta.htm>

Full-and Part-time training programs for teaching English offered by the University of Cambridge, England.

Trinity College Certificate: <http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk/site/?id=293>

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COMMERICAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

International House <http://www.ihworld.com>

IHWO Ltd

106 Piccadilly

London W1J 7NL

United Kingdom

Email: affiliates@ihworld.co.uk

The IHWO is a network of commercial language schools throughout the world.

Berlitz Language Schools <http://www.berlitz.us/>

Berlitz has over 450 locations in 60 countries. For job opportunities abroad with Berlitz click here:

<http://careers.berlitz.com/>