

Teach English Abroad



TESOL/TESL Teacher Training Certification Course



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Dear Student,

Here is some information regarding our TESOL/TESL Teacher Training Certification Course. If you require more information or if you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-269-6719, 416-924-3240 (Toronto area), or 604-683-3430 (Vancouver area).

English is everywhere. Some 380 million people speak it as their first language and another 600 million speak it as their second. A billion are learning it, about a third of the world's population is in some sense exposed to it and by 2030, it is predicted almost half of the world will be more or less proficient in it. It is the language of globalization - of international business, politics, and diplomacy. It is the language of computers and the Internet. You will see it on posters in Beijing, you will hear it in pop songs in Tokyo, and you will read it in official documents in Prague. Deutsche Welle broadcasts in it. Bjork, an Icelander, sings in it. French business schools teach in it. It is the medium of expression in cabinet meetings in Bolivia. English is now the global language.

With over 20,000 ESL teaching jobs being advertised each month, there is no better time than now to go and teach English overseas. Armed with our internationally recognized certificate, our graduates have found teaching jobs around the world - from Barcelona to Bangkok; from Paris to Prague; and from Santiago to Seoul.

Teaching ESL abroad has numerous rewards: the chance to learn about other cultures and attitudes; the exposure to interesting characters and lifestyles; the opportunity to earn money while enjoying extensive overseas travels; a feeling of increased independence and self-reliance; a more accurate perception of your own culture and habits; the pleasure of making communication possible for your students; and establishing new and rewarding friendships.

Whether you are still in school, have just finished school and are unsure of which career path you should take, or have been in the workforce for a number of years and are looking for a change, the experience of teaching English overseas will increase your communication skills, self-assurance, maturity, and knowledge of the world.

The commonly used industry acronyms EFL, ESL, TEFL, TESL, and TESOL can be confusing, especially since they are often used interchangeably. The acronyms stand for: English as a Foreign Language (EFL), English as a Second Language (ESL), Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). All of these terms essentially mean the same thing, the main difference being what part of the world the term is used in (i.e. in Europe, English is commonly referred to as a foreign language whereas in Canada, English is commonly referred to as a second language). At the end of our 60-hour in-class course, graduates receive a combined TESOL/TESL/TEFL certificate, which is recognized and accepted around the world (and which includes all components of TESOL, TESL, and TEFL teacher training)

Besides increasing your marketability and making your ESL job-hunting task much easier, taking one of our certificate courses will increase your confidence and provide you with a range of skills on how to teach English grammar, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. As our instructors often stress: "Without adequate preparation, the first week of teaching can be the longest week of your life". Proper training in teaching ESL goes a long way to increasing your job satisfaction.

Even in countries where formal TESOL/TESL qualifications are not required, teachers who lack a specific grounding in teaching ESL are often at a disadvantage; the jobs they are likely to get will be lower paying ones or in schools at the low end of the market who may be more likely to offer exploitative working conditions. In some countries (such as Malaysia and Turkey), TESOL/TESL teaching certification is a prerequisite for obtaining a work visa.

Our intensive courses are well-organized, challenging seminars designed for students who wish to maximize their competitive position in relation to other ESL teachers. Our dynamic instructors focus on helping you build the skills you need to master ESL teaching within a creative and productive learning environment.

Please review the enclosed information and contact us if you have any questions. To register for any of our upcoming courses, simply call one of our offices and we can register you over the telephone. We look forward to hearing from you.

Customer Service and Registration
Oxford Seminars

Why Teach English Overseas

Teaching English overseas is a great opportunity to broaden your horizons, gain valuable career experience, develop your communication skills, meet new people, establish lasting friendships, and have the chance to learn another language. Whether your goal is to gain a new perspective on life, to quickly pay off your student loans, to travel to exotic locations, or to be immersed in an unfamiliar culture, our courses prepare you for all of these exciting possibilities. Very few of our graduates have regretted their decision to teach ESL, earn money, and travel the world.

Furthermore, teaching English overseas is an asset on anyone's resume since employers look favourably upon individuals who have taken the initiative to go abroad and work in a different country. Younger graduates without extensive prior work experience discover that, once back in Canada, their overseas teaching employment becomes invaluable in opening doors to job opportunities and career choices that were previously unattainable. Having overseas teaching experience is a unique asset that differentiates many of our graduates and gives them a competitive advantage when applying for other jobs upon their return to Canada. Graduates who are planning to continue in the education field find that their overseas teaching experience becomes beneficial when applying to teachers' college.

Why Get Certified

As the desire to learn English has increased, so too has the profile of the people who teach it. The number of qualified and experienced English teachers has grown with this rise in demand. As a result, a much higher proportion of job seekers than ever before have TESOL/TESL certification and language schools around the world are becoming more selective when hiring their teaching staff.

For both men and women, it can be a daunting task to move to a foreign country without having the necessary skills and qualifications needed to teach ESL in that host country. If you decide to relocate overseas, you have to be fully prepared to do so, and one of the easiest ways to ensure that you are prepared is to get your TESOL/TESL certification. Not only does this make finding teaching jobs much easier, but certification also gives you peace of mind. Obtaining your certification tells potential employers that you are prepared and committed to teaching and that you are taking your employment with their school seriously. For detailed information about typical job contracts, teaching requirements, and living conditions in countries around the world, please see the Country Profiles section included with this package.

Why Choose Oxford Seminars

- Our intensive 60-hour TESOL/TESL Teacher Training Certification Course is taught live, entirely in class to ensure students learn the most from our highly qualified instructors.
- Our teacher training course is offered on university campuses across Canada and the US.
- We back our internationally recognized certificate with our 6-month Teacher Placement Service and our exclusive Money-Back Guarantee.
- Our course has a limited class size, includes comprehensive teaching materials and concludes with an interactive teaching practicum.
- We maintain the highest standards for all of our course instructors, employing only the most qualified teachers who have extensive teaching backgrounds with years of overseas ESL teaching experience.
- There are no hidden fees or additional costs; course materials, teaching resources, and access to our Teacher Placement Service are included in our affordable course fee of \$1,095 (plus GST = \$1149.75).

- We hold free Information Sessions on campuses across Canada, where you can learn more about our course and about the exciting opportunities for teaching English overseas.
- With over 20,000 teaching jobs available monthly, thousands of satisfied graduates are teaching English around the world.

About Oxford Seminars

Established in 1992, Oxford Seminars offers the most effective, up-to-date teacher training certification courses available. Thousands of satisfied students have graduated from our courses and have gone on to teach English around the world in rewarding teaching positions. Oxford Seminars' course is conveniently held on university campuses across Canada and the US, the course content is taught at a first-year university level, and you must be at least 18 years of age to attend. Our course is designed for anyone who is interested in the exciting opportunity to teach English in an international setting.

Whether you are still in school, have just finished school and are unsure of which career path you should take, or have been in the workforce for a number of years and are looking for a change, the course curriculum is designed to accommodate your needs. Upon completing the course, you will receive an internationally recognized certificate which demonstrates to employers that you are familiar with both the theoretical approaches as well as the practical techniques required to be a successful ESL teacher. Many Oxford Seminars students who begin their job search during the course receive interviews and offers for full-time teaching positions before the course is over.

Our Course

Our highly trained, dynamic instructors focus on providing you with the practical classroom skills to be an effective ESL teacher. We cover a wide range of ESL teaching strategies. During the 60-hour in-class course, you will be exposed to a variety of concepts which include: interactive language teaching; principles of second language acquisition; multiple intelligence theory; classroom management techniques; detailed lesson planning; long-term unit planning; how to teach oral communication skills; listening and comprehension strategies; creative ways to incorporate English grammar in a classroom setting; teaching across age and proficiency levels; teaching in a multicultural setting; and making effective use of ESL teaching materials and resources. For complete course details, please see [page 8](#).

To register for an upcoming course on a university campus near you, check the "Course Locations and Dates" section listed on [page 12](#) and choose the location and date that is most convenient for you. The course fee is \$1095 (plus GST = \$1149.75) and includes all course materials and access to our Teacher Placement Service. Registration is available online, by phone, fax, or mail.

Comprehensive Teaching Materials

Our written materials are constantly updated and reflect a wide range of ESL knowledge and expertise. You will receive a variety of teaching materials and resources including a user-friendly ESL teaching textbook, a job search manual, and our comprehensive 450-page training manual. These materials thoroughly cover different teaching methodologies, lesson planning ideas, exercise ideas, job search strategies, and include an extensive listing of language schools, agencies, and recruiters from around the world who are looking to hire certified ESL teachers. You will find these resources useful both during the course and in subsequent overseas teaching positions. For a complete description of our course materials, please visit:

<http://www.oxfordseminars.ca/tesol-tesl-tefl-training.php>

Limited Class Size

In order to ensure a low student-to-instructor ratio, our course has a limited enrollment with spaces allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The small class size provides a comfortable setting with ample opportunity for you to interact with and learn the most from our highly qualified instructors.

Our Experienced Instructors

Oxford Seminars maintains the highest standards for all of our course instructors. We only select and train the most talented and energetic instructors in the English as a second language teaching industry. Every instructor has years of distinguished ESL teaching experience both in Canada and abroad, and firmly believes that teaching ESL provides an exciting and fulfilling opportunity for teachers and students alike.

At the end of each and every course, our students are asked to evaluate our teaching staff. They tell us that they find our instructors approachable, highly knowledgeable, and able to teach difficult material in a dynamic, useful, and creative manner which facilitates learning. For a complete list of our course instructors including their extensive teaching backgrounds, please visit: <http://www.oxfordseminars.ca/tesol-certification-instructors/course-instructors.php>.

Interactive Teaching Practicum

Our certificate course includes several brief weekly assignments which help to reinforce the concepts learned in class. Students are also responsible for designing and presenting an interactive ESL teaching practicum. This practicum provides students with the ideal opportunity to practice many of their newly-acquired ESL teaching skills.

Free Information Sessions

Oxford Seminars holds frequent information sessions on campuses across Canada and the US, where you can learn more about our course and about the exciting opportunities for teaching English abroad. These sessions are typically an hour-and-a-half in length and cover topics of interest to anyone considering teaching English overseas. There is no pre-registration required and these information sessions are free for everyone to attend. Our schedule is frequently updated throughout the year, so please check our website regularly to see additional information session dates and locations. Each session covers a multitude of questions regarding employment opportunities abroad, including:

- What is it like teaching English overseas?
- Where are the job opportunities?
- When is the peak hiring season?
- How can I secure an ESL teaching job abroad?
- How much will I earn?
- What is a working visa and how do I get one?
- How much experience do I need?
- When and where should I sign a contract?
- Do I need TESOL/TESL certification?
- What skills should I learn to become a better ESL teacher?

Our Commitment to You

Oxford Seminars provides excellence in teacher training at an affordable price. We offer high quality instruction for students who want to invest in their future. Oxford Seminars has a reputation for ensuring student satisfaction. When asked to evaluate our courses, over 98% of our students say they recommend us to their friends.

Detailed Course Outline

Our teacher training certification courses are dynamic, interactive, and taught by experienced instructors who provide continuity in the learning process as you advance from one teaching skill to the next. Whether you are still in school, have just finished school and are unsure of which career path you should take, or have been in the workforce for a number of years and are looking for a change, the curriculum is designed to accommodate your needs. Our courses are taught at a first-year university level and you must be at least 18 years of age to attend. Below is a detailed course outline and additional details about the topics covered.

Day 1

- Introduction to the Course/ Materials/Assignments
- ESL Warm-Up Games and Exercises
- ESL Icebreaker Activities
- The Effective Learner
- The Effective Teacher
- Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Your Classroom

Day 3

- Teaching English Grammar
- Sample Grammar Lessons
- Teaching Vocabulary Techniques
- Teaching Speaking and Listening
- Teaching Reading
- Long-Term Unit Planning
- International Trends in ESL Teaching
- Effective Cross-Cultural Relations

Day 5

- Lesson Coordination When Team Teaching
- Testing and Evaluating ESL Students
- Finding ESL Teaching Jobs
- Writing Your Resume and Cover Letter
- Job Interviews for Teaching Positions
- Pre-Departure Planning, Culture Shock, and Adaptation

Day 2

- Introduction to Educational Theory
- Second Language Acquisition
- Teaching Across Age and Proficiency Levels
- Classroom Management Techniques
- Lesson Planning
- Living and Working Overseas
- Cultural Sensitivity in the Classroom

Day 4

- Multiple Intelligence Theory
- Teaching Writing
- Teaching Pronunciation
- Teaching Idioms, Expressions, Phrasal Verbs and Slang
- Organizing the Teaching Workload
- Conflict Resolution Techniques
- Teaching in a Multicultural Setting

Day 6

- Teaching Practicum
- Instructor Feedback and Peer Evaluations
- Effective Use of ESL Teaching Resources and Activities
- The Globalization of the Job Market
- Finding and Using ESL Teaching Resources
- Awarding of Certificate
- Wrap-up/Important Questions

Teacher Placement Service

Available exclusively to our graduates, at no additional cost, the Teacher Placement Service provides assistance with finding the most rewarding teaching jobs at ESL schools around the world. We have formed partnerships with many ESL schools world wide that are searching for certified ESL teachers. Our Teacher Placement Advisors provide timely job placement assistance to help make your experience teaching overseas as successful and rewarding as possible. For further details about the services provided by our Teacher Placement Department, please visit:

<http://oxfordseminars.ca/teacher-placement.php>.

For detailed information about typical job contracts, teaching requirements, and living conditions in countries around the world compiled by our Teacher Placement Department, please see the Country Profiles section starting on [page 17](#).

Money-Back Guarantee

Our goal is to help you find an excellent ESL teaching job abroad and we stand by this with our Money-Back Guarantee. We are so confident in the training you receive in our TESOL/TESL Teacher Training Certification Course that if you follow the unique employment process outlined in our program, and are not offered a job within six months of initializing our free Teacher Placement Service, we will gladly refund your tuition (subject to a \$95 processing fee).

While we do not guarantee jobs, our Teacher Placement Department has assisted in finding employment for thousands of graduates. Some top overseas teaching destinations have included: Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Slovakia, Malaysia, Turkey, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hong Kong, and Nepal.

Our program is available to all qualified candidates, although in order to qualify for our Money-Back Guarantee, the following conditions apply:

- You must be a native English speaker and successfully complete our course.
- You must actively seek employment (by emailing, faxing and/or mailing at least five letters of introduction/job applications to schools in each of a minimum of four different countries).



How to Apply For a Refund

If you apply to at least 5 different schools in each of a minimum of 4 different countries (a minimum of 20 job applications in total) within six months of receiving your certificate and receive rejection letters from every school, please send us the following documents:

- A copy of all 20 official rejection letters (minimum of 5 each from at least 4 different countries). Rejection letters must include the school name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, name of school director and name of contact person in charge of hiring.
- A copy of your resume and the cover letters used for these job applications.

We will assess these documents and if they were prepared following the information and suggestions supplied within our certification course, we will give you a full refund of your fees (minus the \$95 processing fee). To receive your tuition refund, you will be required to return all course materials (textbooks, manuals, TESOL/TESL certificate, and tuition receipt).

Upcoming Information Sessions

ALBERTA	
Calgary 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 CIBC Hub Room, The Rozsa Centre University of Calgary 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary	Edmonton 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 420, Student Union Building University of Alberta 8900 114th Street, Edmonton
BRITISH COLUMBIA	
Abbotsford 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Location: To be announced	Burnaby 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 2200, West Mall Complex Simon Fraser University 8888 University Drive, Burnaby
Kamloops 7:00pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 130, Campus Activity Centre Thompson Rivers University 900 McGill Road, Kamloops	Kelowna 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 University of British Columbia - Okanagan Room location: To be announced
Vancouver 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 206, Student Union Building University of British Columbia, Point Grey Campus 6138 Student Union Boulevard, Vancouver	Victoria 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Arbutus/Queenswood Room, Cadboro Commons Building University of Victoria 3800 Finnerty Road, Victoria
MANITOBA	
Winnipeg 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 224A-C, Ste Anne-Steinbach in the University Centre University of Manitoba 65 Chancellor's Circle, Winnipeg	
NEW BRUNSWICK	
Fredericton 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 210, Marshall d'Avray Hall University of New Brunswick 10 MacKay Drive, Fredericton	Saint John 7:00pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 103, Phillip W Oland Hall University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus 100 Tucker Park Road, Saint John, NB
NEWFOUNDLAND	NOVA SCOTIA
St. John's 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Memorial University Room location: To be announced	Halifax 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 1170, Marion McCain and Social Sciences Building Dalhousie University 6135 University Avenue, Halifax
ONTARIO	
Barrie 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Location: To be announced	Guelph 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 University of Guelph Room location: To be announced
Hamilton 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room B139, Burke Science Building McMaster University 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton	Kingston 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Queen's University Room location: To be announced

<p>London 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 3102, Social Science Centre University of Western Ontario 200 University Avenue West, London</p>	<p>North York 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Simcoe Room Holiday Inn Express 30 Norfinch Drive, North York</p>
<p>Oshawa 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room UA 3220, University Science Building Durham College 2000 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa</p>	<p>Ottawa 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 251, Morisset Hall University of Ottawa 65 University Private, Ottawa</p>
<p>Peterborough 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Trent University Room location: To be announced</p>	<p>St. Catharines 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Location: To be announced</p>
<p>Sudbury 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Laurentian University Room location: To be announced</p>	<p>Thunder Bay 7:00pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 1044, Ryan Building Lakehead University 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay</p>
<p>Toronto 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 5250, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (O.I.S.E.) University of Toronto - St. George Campus 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto</p>	<p>Waterloo 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Room 2-105, Dr. Alvin Woods Building Wilfrid Laurier University 75 University Avenue West, Waterloo</p>
<p>Windsor 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 University of Windsor Room location: To be announced</p>	
QUEBEC	
<p>Montreal 7:00 pm, Friday, November 6, 2009 Room 400-2, Henry F Hall Building Concordia University 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West, Montreal</p>	
SASKATCHEWAN	
<p>Regina 7:00 pm, Monday, January 11, 2010 University of Regina Room location: To be announced</p>	<p>Saskatoon 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Location: To be announced</p>
YUKON	
<p>Whitehorse 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Yukon College Room location: To be announced</p>	

Course Locations and Dates

Our courses cost \$1095 (plus GST) and they are conveniently held on university campuses across Canada [Abbotsford, Barrie, Brandon, Burnaby, Calgary, Edmonton, Fredericton, Guelph, Halifax, Hamilton, Kamloops, Kelowna, Kingston, Lethbridge, London, Montreal, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterborough, Regina, Saint John (NB), Saskatoon, Sherbrooke, St. Catharines, St. John's (NF), Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, Waterloo, Windsor, and Winnipeg].

ALBERTA

Calgary (University of Calgary)

Course #1997: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1004: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Edmonton (University of Alberta)

Course #1989: Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Nov. 1 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1998: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1005: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Lethbridge (University of Lethbridge)

Course #1006: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford

Course #1000: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Burnaby (Simon Fraser University)

Course #1991: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1017: Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Kamloops (Thompson Rivers University)

Course #1019: Mar. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Kelowna (University of British Columbia - Okanagan)

Course #1001: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Vancouver (University of British Columbia)

Course #1987: Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Nov. 1 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1990: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1999: Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1002: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1018: Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Victoria (University of Victoria)

Course #1993: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1003: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

MANITOBA

Brandon (Brandon University)*

Course #1009: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Winnipeg (University of Manitoba)

Course #1994: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1010: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton (University of New Brunswick, Fredericton)

Course #1012: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Saint John (University of New Brunswick, Saint John)

Course #1995: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's (Memorial University)

Course #1015: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax (Dalhousie University)

Course #1996: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1014: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

ONTARIO

Barrie (Georgian College)*

Course #100: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Guelph (University of Guelph)

Course #101: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Hamilton (McMaster University)

Course #991: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #102: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Kingston

Course #103: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

London (University of Western Ontario)

Course #992: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #104: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

North York (York University)*

Course #993: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #114: Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Oshawa (University of Ontario Institute of Technology)

Course #105: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Ottawa (University of Ottawa)

Course #984: Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Nov. 1 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #995: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #106: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Peterborough

Course #107: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

St. Catharines (Brock University)*

Course #108: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Sudbury (Laurentian University)

Course #110: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Thunder Bay (Lakehead University)

Course #121: Mar. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Toronto (University of Toronto – St. George Campus)

Course #983: Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Nov. 1 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #990: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #997: Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #998: Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)
Weeknights (6:00pm – 10:00pm)

Course #109: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #115: Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #116: Feb 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21- Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)
Weeknights (6:00pm – 10:00pm)

Waterloo (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Course #994: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #111: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Windsor (University of Windsor)

Course #112: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Charlottetown (University of Prince Edward Island)

Course #1970: Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27, Oct. 3, 4 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #1013: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

QUEBEC

Montreal (McGill University and/or Dawson College)

Course #996: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Course #113: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Sherbrooke (Bishop's University)

Course #1011: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina (University of Regina)

Course #1007: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

Saskatoon (University of Saskatchewan)

Course #1008: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

YUKON

Whitehorse (Yukon College)

Course #1016: Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - Saturdays (9:00am – 6:00pm), Sundays (9:00am – 6:00pm)

***Courses held in close proximity to university campus.**

Please Note:

1. Our course costs \$1095 (plus 5% GST = \$1149.75). All course materials along with access to our Teacher Placement Service and our Money Back Guarantee are all included in the tuition fee. To reserve a spot in any of our upcoming courses, a \$95 deposit is required.
2. Our course is taught at a first-year university level and you must be at least 18 years of age to attend.
3. Successful completion of each course is based on classroom attendance, understanding the course material, classroom participation, course assignments, and the in-class practicum. Due to the amount of information covered each day of the course and its short duration, attending all classes is extremely important and no leave-of-absence is possible.
4. Save \$100 off the cost of the course by registering with full payment at least four weeks prior to the start date of the course. For full details, please [click here](#).
5. TESOL, TESL, and TEFL are widely interchangeable terms which essentially mean the same thing. Each of these terms is most commonly used in a different part of the world. At the end of our 60-hour in-class course, graduates receive a combined TESOL/TESL/TEFL certificate which is recognized and accepted around the world (and which includes all components of TESOL, TESL and TEFL teacher training).
6. To teach in some countries, candidates must possess a valid EU passport and/or a university degree.
7. Refund and Withdrawal Policy:
 - i. We will refund your full tuition if you withdraw from the course at least two weeks in advance.
 - ii. We will refund your full tuition if the course for which you want to register is full (we will place your name on a waiting list).
 - iii. We will retain the \$95 deposit if you withdraw from the course less than two weeks in advance.
8. Course dates and locations are subject to change. Please be advised that courses must obtain a minimum enrollment in order to proceed.

Frequently Asked Questions

For a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions, please refer to our website at: http://www.oxfordseminars.ca/Pages/Teach/teach_faq.php.

COUNTRY PROFILES

Location	Typical Contract	Peak Hiring Season	Teaching Hrs/wk	Monthly Salary*	Private Tutoring	Exchange Rate*	Income Tax*	Cost of a Big Mac**	Accommodation	Airfare	Health Care	Holidays
Argentina	1-2 yrs	Jan, Sept	25	1,200-1,450 ARS	30-50 ARS/hr	\$1 CAD =3.2 ARS	9-35%	850-950 ARS	Not included	Not included	Usually included	Paid
Austria	10 mos-1yr	All yr	25	900-1,500 EUR	10-27 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	0-50%	700-1,000 EUR	Not included	Not included	Included	Paid
Belgium	9 mos-1 yr	Jan, Sept	20-25	1,000-1,800 EUR	10-18 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	30-40%	750-1,000 EUR	Not included	Not included	Included	Paid
Brazil	1 yr	Jan, Sept	25	1,500-2,500 BRL	25-40 BRL/hr	\$1 CAD =1.5 BRL	15-27.5%	1,200-1,800 BRL	Employer assisted	Not included	Usually included	Paid
Bulgaria	1 yr	Jan, Sept	15	780-1,200 BGL	9.6 BGL/hr	\$1 CAD =1.2 BGL	10%	480 BGL	Usually included	Usually not included	Included	Paid
Cambodia	1 yr	All yr	25-30	2.0-6.2 million KHR	30,000-40,000 KHR/hr	\$1 CAD =3,300 KHR	5-20%	NA	Assistance included	Usually not included	Sometimes included	Paid
Chile	6 mos-1 yr	Mar, Aug	25	450,000-700,000 CLP	5,000-7,000 CLP/hr	\$1 CAD =480 CLP	5-40%	245,000-450,000 CLP	Not included	Not included	Usually included	Paid
China	6 mos-1 yr	All yr	20-25	4,000-7,000 CNY	100-240 CNY/hr	\$1 CAD =5.6 CNY	5-45%	12.5 CNY	Included	Included	Usually included	Paid
Colombia	1 yr	Mar-Jun	25	1-2 million COP	16,000-30,000 COP/hr	\$1 CAD =1,800 COP	0.29-38.5%	1.2-1.6 million COP	Not included	Not included	Employer assisted	Paid
Costa Rica	6 mos-1 yr	Sept, Dec	15-25	220,600-367,770 CRC	2,679-4,018 CRC/hr	\$1 CAD =510 CRC	10-15%	200,000-300,000 CRC	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not paid
Czech Republic	1 yr	Jan, Sept	25	12,000-18,000 CZK	200-300 CZK/hr	\$1 CAD =16 CZK	15%	6,500-15,800 CZK	Employer assisted	Sometimes included	Included	2 wks paid
Ecuador	1 yr	All yr	25-40	500-1,000 USD	6-15 USD/hr	\$1 CAD =1 USD	5-25%	400-500 USD	Employer assisted	Usually not included	Not included	Not paid
Egypt	Varies	Jan, Sept	25	7,000-17,000 EGP	45-150 EGP/hr	\$1 CAD =5.4 EGP	0-20%	2,600-3,900 EGP	Not included	Usually not included	Usually not included	Not paid
France	1 yr	Jan, Sept	20-25	1,400-2,000 EUR	10-18 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	10-25%	800-1,200 EUR	Not included	Not included	50% included	Paid

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Germany	1 yr	Jan, Sept	20-30	1,100-2,000 EUR	10-27 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	15-45%	700-1,000 EUR	Usually not included	Usually not included	Yes, with 15% deduction	Paid
Greece	9 mos-1 yr	Jan, Aug	25-32	500-1,000 EUR	15 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	5-40%	500-600 EUR	Employer assisted	Usually not included	Included, 11-16% deduction	Paid
Hong Kong	1 yr	All yr	30-40	12,000-25,000 HKD	200-400 HKD/hr	\$1 CAD =6.4 HKD	16%	13.3 HKD	Sometimes included	Sometimes included	Included	Paid
Indonesia	1 yr	All yr	25	9-13 million IDR	150,000-300,000 IDR/hr	\$1 CAD =8,700 IDR	5-35%	18,700 IDR	Usually included	Sometimes included	Included	Paid
Italy	9 mos-1 yr	Fall	20-25	1,000-1,500 EUR	18-27 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	23-43%	600-1,000 EUR	Usually not included	Return flight may be included	Not included	Paid
Japan	1 yr	All yr	25-40	250,000 JPY	1,700-5,000 JPY	\$1 CAD =75 JPY	5-30%	280 JPY	Sometimes included	Sometimes included	Included	Paid
Kuwait	1-2 yrs	Jan, Sept	25-30	600-900 KWD	6-12 KWD/hr	\$1 CAD =0.25 KWD	0-5%	320-440 KWD	Usually included	Usually included	Usually included	Usually paid
Laos	1 yr	All yr	25-30	5.5-17.5 million LAK	115,500 LAK/hr	\$1 CAD =7,000 LAK	10%	NA	Included	Usually not included	Sometimes included	Paid
Malaysia	1 yr	All yr	25	3,200-4,500 MYR	40-60 MYR/hr	\$1 CAD =3 MYR	2-30%	1,000-1,200 MYR	Sometimes included	Not included	Included	Paid
Mexico	6 mos-1 yr	All yr	25	6,000-12,000 MXN	44-111 MXN/hr	\$1 CAD =10 MXN	3-30%	3,000-5,000 MXN	Often included	Sometimes included	Sometimes included	Sometimes paid
Oman	1-2 yrs	Jan, Sept	25-30	900-1,100 OMR	7.5-15 OMR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.3 OMR	0%	220-500 OMR	Usually included	Usually included	Usually included	Paid
Peru	1 yr	All yr	25-30	1,200-2,000 PEN	14-46 PEN/hr	\$1 CAD =2.8 PEN	15-27%	850-1,400 PEN	Employer assisted	Usually not included	Not included	Sometimes paid
Poland	9 mos-1 yr	Sept	20-30	2,200-3,400 PLN	50-100 PLN/hr	\$1 CAD =2.10 PLN	19-40%	600-1,000 PLN	Sometimes included	Usually not included	Included	Paid
Portugal	9 mos-1 yr	Jan, Sept	20-30	725-1,000 EUR	20-30 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	10.5-42%	500-700 EUR	Usually not included	Usually not included	Included	Usually not paid
Qatar	Varies	Jan, Sept	25-30	6,700-11,000 QAR	75-150 QAR/hr	\$1 CAD =3.6 QAR	0%	3,000-5,000 QAR	Usually included	Sometimes included	Usually included	Paid

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Romania	9 mos	Jan, Sept	15-25	1,700-2,300 RON	20 RON/hr	\$1 CAD =2.3 RON	16%	920 million RON	Usually included	Usually not included	Included	Paid
Russia	6, 9, 12 mos	Aug, Sept, Oct	25-30	18,800-45,000 RUB	330-990 RUB/hr	\$1 CAD =23 RUB	13-30%	16,000-31,000 RUB	Usually included	Sometimes included	Sometimes included	Sometimes paid
Saudi Arabia	1-2 yrs	Jan, Sept	25-30	10,000-13,000 SAR	75-214 SAR/hr	\$1 CAD =3.5 SAR	0-20%	2,200-3,800 SAR	Usually included	Usually included	Usually included	Paid
Slovakia	1 yr	All yr	25-30	14,000-20,000 SKK	200 SKK/hr	\$1 CAD =19.5 SKK	19%	4,500 SKK	Sometimes included	Sometimes included	Not included	Paid
South Korea	1 yr	All yr	25-40	1.8-2.2 million KRW	30,000-80,000 KRW/hr	\$1 CAD =1,100 KRW	8-10%	3,200 KRW	Included	Included	Included	Paid
Spain	9 mos-1 yr	Jan, Sept-Nov	20-27	800-2,000 EUR	7-25 EUR/hr	\$1 CAD =0.6 EUR	18%	700-1,500 EUR	Not included	Usually not included	Usually not included	Paid
Switzerland	6 mos-1 yr	Jan, Sept	20-30	2,000-8,000 CHF	30-60 CHF/hr	\$1 CAD =1 CHF	4-11.5%	1,500-4,000 CHF	Not included	Not included	Not included	Paid
Taiwan	1 yr	All yr	25-30	50,000-70,000 TWD	600-1,000 TWD/hr	\$1 CAD =27 TWD	6-40%	75 TWD	Usually not included	Sometimes included	Usually not included	Paid
Thailand	1 yr	All yr	25-30	25,000-40,000 THB	500-1,000 THB/hr	\$1 CAD =29 THB	5-37%	62 THB	Sometimes included	Rarely included	Included	Paid
Turkey	9 mos-1 yr	July-Sept	25-30	1,300-1,700 TRY	20-25 TRY/hr	\$1 CAD =1.2 TRY	15-35%	750-1,000 TRY	Usually included	Sometimes included	Included, with deduction	Paid
U.A.E.	1-2 yrs	Jan, Sept	25-30	7,000-12,000 AED	150-350 AED/hr	\$1 CAD =3.6 AED	0%	6,000-7,000 AED	Usually included	Usually included	Usually included	Paid
Vietnam	1 yr	All yr	20-30	10-28 million VND	200,000-250,000 VND/hr	\$1 CAD =14,000 VND	10-40%	NA	Assistance included	Sometimes included	Sometimes included	Paid

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Please Note:

We make every effort to keep our information as up-to-date and accurate as possible. However, individual teaching positions and salaries may vary with job market conditions. We cannot, therefore, guarantee that positions listed in these countries will be available when you are seeking employment. Because these country profiles are for informational purposes only, they do not necessarily reflect the positions currently available through our Teacher Placement Department. When you are ready to teach overseas, your Job Search Advisor will do everything in his/her power to help accommodate your requests and aid you in your search.

*Certain positions require additional qualifications and credentials that are non-negotiable due to specific country legislation.

ESL Job Search Strategies & Tips

Since 1992, Oxford Seminars has been offering TESOL/TESL teacher training certification courses for students interested in going overseas to teach English. Our highly skilled instructors and our Teacher Placement Advisors have a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist you in the process of preparing to teach abroad. Check out the following 10 steps that will lead you to your final teaching destination.

Step 1: Motivation

Ask yourself what your motivation is for teaching overseas.

Are you going for the right reasons?

Are you ready to accept the challenge?

Do go if:

- ✓ You enjoy teaching.
- ✓ You want to learn about a new culture.
- ✓ You want to learn a new language.
- ✓ You want to share your culture and language with others.
- ✓ You want to enhance your teaching skills.
- ✓ You are excited at the opportunity of meeting new people.
- ✓ You are eager to travel and explore different parts of the world.
- ✓ You want to gain a new perspective of yourself and your homeland.
- ✓ You want to save some money and/or pay off your debts.
- ✓ You've been curious about entering the teaching profession.

Step 2: Selecting a Country

After taking the Oxford Seminars course, you need to decide where in the world you want to teach. Along with the assistance of our Teacher Placement Department, begin your job search by researching and narrowing down your choices to a few select countries. It is imperative to decide what your priorities are, as different countries offer drastically different things. Here are some things you should consider: Do you want to save money? Do you want to learn a particular language? Do you want to visit cultural attractions or explore rainforests? What type of climate do you prefer? Some points to consider when choosing your destination include the necessary requirements for obtaining a work visa, the salary, the cost of living, and the cost of airfare. Do you prefer to live in a large city or in a small town? Is the country politically and economically stable? What are the working conditions and hours? What inoculation and health requirements will you need to meet? Upon completing our course we encourage you to call and speak with our friendly and experienced staff in the Teacher Placement Department to initiate your 6-month Teacher Placement Service. You can contact us at 1-800-269-6719 (Toronto local: 416-924-3240; Vancouver local: 604-683-3430).

Step 3: Searching the Web

Each week over 20,000 job openings for ESL teachers are advertised worldwide. Many of these jobs are advertised on the Internet. However, you should keep in mind that any company or school can make their website look professional, so be wary of signing a contract without doing some preliminary research as some schools may not be reputable. Another added bonus of our Teacher Placement Department is that we have the experience and the connections to secure you a great job teaching overseas. Since everyone has different preferences when it comes to teaching, it is important that you let us know yours so we can find a job that is right for you. Do you like to work with adults, children, or business professionals? Where do your strengths lie?

Answering these questions will help you narrow down your job search. In the meantime, browse the Internet and see what's out there.

Check these websites for ESL teaching job postings:

www.eltnews.com

www.tefl.com

www.englishclub.net

www.jobsabroad.com

www.jobs.edufind.com

www.tefl.net

www.eslcafe.com/joblist

www.jobsinjapan.com

www.europa-pages.com

www.eslteachersboard.com

www.esemployment.com

www.ohayosensei.com

www.esljobfeed.com

www.tesall.com/jobboard

Step 4: Job Search Strategies

You have exhausted the Internet and perhaps found something interesting. But what if you didn't? Keep in mind that many job postings are not listed anywhere on the Internet. There are many other avenues to finding an overseas teaching job besides browsing online. Try the following:

1. Oxford Seminars' Teacher Placement Department: This should be your first call after you complete our course, as we are ready to assist you in finding a teaching job overseas. Remember: the 6-month Teacher Placement Service is included in your course cost and it can be started anytime after you complete the course.

2. Chain Schools: These tend to have a central/head office and dozens (or even hundreds) of branches around the world. While some require teachers to have extensive ESL and/or other teaching experience, others require only a university degree and a TESOL/TESL certificate.

- **AEON**, 1960 E Grand Avenue 550, El Segundo, CA 90245, USA. Tel: (310) 414-1515, Fax: (310) 414-1616. (Japan). Website: www.aeonet.com
- **Benedict Schools**, PO Box 270 (rue des Terreaux 29), 1000 Lausanne 9, Switzerland. Tel: (21) 323-6655, Fax: (21) 311 02 29. (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa, North and South America). Website: www.benedict-international.com
- **Berlitz Inc**, 400 Alexander Park Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA. Tel: (609) 514-9650, Fax: (609) 514-9672. (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, South Korea, and Latin America). Website: www.berlitz.com
- **Cambridge Schools**, Av de Linerdade173, 1250 Lisbon, Portugal. (France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Poland). Website: www.cambridgeschools.com
- **GEOS**, Global Educational Opportunities and Services, 415 Yonge St. Suite 1205, Toronto ON M5B 2E7. Tel: (416) 599-2120. (Japan). Website: www.geos.net

- **HESS Educational Organization**, No. 419, Chung Shan Rd., Sec. 2, Chung Ho City, Taipei County, 235 Taiwan, R.O.C. Tel: (886-2)3234-6188 ext. 1052/1053. (Taiwan) Website: www.hess.com.tw
- **International House World Organization**, Unity Wharf, 13 Mill St., London SE1 2BH, United Kingdom. Tel: (44-20) 7394-6580 (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America). Website: www.ihworld.com
- **Nord-Anglia International**, Overseas Recruitment Department, 10 Eden Place, Cheadle, Stockport, Cheshire SK8 1AT, UK. Tel: 0161491 8415. Fax: 0161491 4410. (Vacation courses throughout the UK; year-round vacancies worldwide). Website: www.nordanglia-intl.com

3. Education and Government: These programs tend to place teachers in public sector schools at the primary, secondary, and university level.

- **International Organization for Migration**, Latin American Programs, 1752 N Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, USA. Tel: (202) 862-1826. Fax: (202) 862-1879. Website: www.iom.int
- **The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)**, Embassy of Japan, 255 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON K1N 9E6. Tel: (613) 241-8541. Website: www.jet.org or www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/jet/
- **English Program in Korea (EPIK)**, 43 Ihwajang-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul, 110-810 Korea. Tel: (82-2) 3668-1400. Website: www.epik.go.kr

4. Volunteer Programs: Some organizations operate programs for countries (usually in Africa, South America, and the Asia Pacific region) that are keen to develop their educational infrastructures.

- **Skillshare Africa**, 3 Belvoir Rd., Leicester LE1 6SL, UK. Tel: 0116 254 0517.
- **Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Canada**, 151 Slater Street, Suite 806, Ottawa, ON K1P 5H3. Tel: (613) 234-1364. Fax: (613) 234-1444. Website: www.oneworld.org/vso

5. International Media: There are numerous newspapers and newsletters that regularly carry ads for ESL teachers, some of which you may be able to subscribe to or read online (i.e. Prague Post, Korean Herald, Ohayo Sensei, Japan Times).

6. Canadian Media: Check the Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, Edmonton Sun, Edmonton Examiner, Calgary Sun, Calgary Herald, The Province (Vancouver), and Vancouver Sun classifieds for job ads. Also, go to your university career center and check the job postings.

7. Embassies and High Commissions in Ottawa: These might be able to provide some guidance in your job search, and should be contacted to procure work visas and/or residence permits.

8. Student Exchange Programs and Agencies: For a fee, these agencies will help you obtain a work visa and offer assistance through offices abroad with job listings to help you secure

employment. Unlike the Oxford Seminars' Teacher Placement Department, not all agencies will help you find a job, but some will help you with the paperwork.

- **Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)**, 633 Third Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10017- 6706, USA. Tel: (212) 822-2600. Fax: (212) 822-2699.
- **InterExchange Inc**, 161 Sixth Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10013, USA. Tel: (212) 924-0446. Fax: (212) 924-0575.
- **USIA (United States Information Agency)**, English Language Programs Division, 301 4th St. W., Washington, DC 20547, USA. Tel: (202) 485-2869.
- **SWAP (Student Work Abroad Program)**, a program of the Canadian Federation of Students. Contact: Travel CUTS, 2235 Yonge St., Toronto ON M4S 2B4. Tel: (416) 322-6623. Website: www.swap.ca

9. Additional Resources: Many books, guides, pamphlets, and official government publications are available that provide detailed information to assist you in your job search. Check your local library and/or bookstores; one particularly good book is *Teaching English Abroad* by Susan Griffith, currently in its 10th edition.

10. Word of Mouth: Teaching ESL has become so popular that you are bound to know someone who has taught abroad. A great resource is your fellow students in your Oxford Seminars class. Our students usually have friends who have already taken our class and who are currently teaching overseas. Ask around; you'll be surprised at the connections you are able to make.

Step 5: Resume and Cover Letter

Resume and cover letter tips are covered in Oxford Seminars' course. After your TESOL/TESL course is completed the Teacher Placement Department is on-hand to assess your resume and make any appropriate revisions. After carefully consulting with you to ensure accuracy and precision, we will send your resume and cover letter to the schools of your choosing. Remember: the more open you are to traveling to different destinations, the easier it will be to find you a teaching placement.

Step 6: Telephone Interview

You have sent your resume out and are beginning to hear back from schools. The school's director will now ask you for a telephone interview, which we will cover in the certificate course. The phone interview is where you prove that you are a native English speaker or possess the skills of a native English speaker. You will be asked to express your desire to live and teach in the host country. Much like the role-playing activities we go over in class, you may also be given a classroom management situation to address over the phone. You might be asked to give ideas about lesson plans for specific topics such as grammar, reading comprehension, or pronunciation skills. Be prepared to talk about your experience and academic background; this is your opportunity to sell yourself. If you are offered a position, ask the employer to give you time to think about it. It is always better to have several interviews and then choose the offer you like best.

Step 7: Contract

Now that you have had some time to think about it, it is time to review and sign a contract. The contract negotiations can be tricky, and it is a good idea to call our Teacher Placement Department so we may guide you through the process. If you have prior teaching experience or a Bachelors of Education degree, don't be afraid to negotiate your salary and hours; you deserve to

be compensated for your credentials. If this is your first teaching experience, make sure you know what the standard of pay is for that particular country and that your contract adheres to it. Read your contract thoroughly. Ask detailed questions to ensure that you are clear on every aspect of the contract. Get a second opinion. Ask to speak to current teachers at the school and get their opinion before signing.

Step 8: Contacting the Embassy

Once you have signed a contract, it's time to contact the embassy and secure visa and residence permits. Your school may help you with the paperwork but it is still useful to contact the embassy for tips on health care, vaccinations, and climate. Find out where the Canadian embassy is in your destination country. Sometimes consulates will provide maps, brochures, and helpful hints to prepare you for your life abroad. It is wise to register with the Canadian embassy abroad and leave a copy of your passport details with them in case it gets lost or stolen.

Step 9: Researching, Preparing, and Purchasing

You are now in the final stages of preparing to teach abroad. You should visit a local health clinic and have the appropriate vaccinations. Also purchase all the medications that you need. Buy additional health insurance; even if your school provides it, it is wise to purchase it from Canada. Buy a plane ticket. Buy a *Lonely Planet* or a *Let's Go* travel book; you should also take your student manual from class as it will be helpful in assisting you in your lesson planning. Find out what tax category you will fit into at home and abroad and contact an accountant for details. You must thoroughly research the country that you will be visiting; learning customs and etiquette will help you to more easily adjust to another way of life. Study a map of the city you are going to and learn the area surrounding your place of employment. You should also try to familiarize yourself with subway routes. Learn basic phrases such as "Hello" and "Thank you" as this will show that you are genuinely interested in your host country and will make people more willing to help you. Find out what the dress code is at your school. Pack light and for all seasons. Don't forget to pack items that will make you feel more at home (i.e. photos, CD's, a journal, etc.). It is a good idea to visit your local dollar store and stock up on little souvenir gifts from Canada. They are a nice gift for times when you are taken out for dinner, etc. You can also visit your local MP and receive Canadian flag pins. Take several passport photos with you as they are necessary for visas and other paperwork.

Step 10: Tutoring

Upon reaching your teaching destination, you may want to consider private tutoring as a means of supplementing your income. Whether you want to save money or pay off your student loans, tutoring is a fantastic way of making a substantial amount of additional money. You can expect to make \$20-\$100 CAD per hour by private tutoring. Thus it is not uncommon for ESL teachers in Japan to make \$80,000 or more a year (\$40,000 in teaching and an additional \$40,000 in tutoring). But how does one get tutoring clients? The best way is through word of mouth. Get to know other ESL teachers and acquire connections through them. Usually teachers who are leaving the country will pass on their tutoring students to new teachers. One of our teachers had 5 tutoring students within 6 hours of landing in the country, all through her co-workers. Get to know the community you are living in by meeting people in the library, bank, post office, gym, and/or grocery store; it won't be long before they will be asking you to tutor their son, daughter, cousin, nephew, and/or friends. Prior to accepting any tutoring clients, however, remember that in some countries it may be illegal to offer private tutoring. Please check your contract before you consent to tutor, as you may be deported from the country if your employer discovers you are tutoring without approval.

For a complete listing of foreign representatives in Ottawa, please visit:
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