

PEACE CORPS

Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate Program

Build upon your passion for teaching and earn a professional certificate, all while serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Volunteers in designated countries support student achievement by teaching English as a foreign language to both children and adults in their host communities.

Components of the TEFL Certificate Program

Pre-departure: Four e-learning modules completed over a twelve-week period

Pre-service Training: Ten to twelve weeks of technical, language, medical, and safety and security training, including a practicum of at least one week with ten hours of practice teaching

Online Learning Community: Quarterly online professional development events facilitated by Peace Corps staff at posts

Volunteer Evaluation: Two years of supervised classroom teaching experience during Peace Corps service

In-service Training: Several multi-day training events totaling 120 hours of training and practice during Peace Corps service

Certificate: The Peace Corps TEFL Certificate is validated by the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, D.C. and recognized both nationally and internationally

“TEFL certification adequately prepares Volunteers with no prior teaching experience to teach in rural areas. I attribute much of my success to Peace Corps TEFL.”

*Alton McCall
TEFL Volunteer, Madagascar*

What's Next?

Visit peacecorps.gov/openings to search available TEFL positions for the countries where the certificate is currently offered, and indicate your interest in these positions when completing your application.

BENEFITS

- Meet global professional English teaching standards
- Earn a recognized teaching credential during Peace Corps service
- Open to Volunteers with limited or no teaching experience



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