

## Teach English Abroad: Resources and Tips

With teaching English abroad resources, students are advised to seek out reviews of the program online/via message boards, and to request that the program connect them with a couple of past teachers who have since finished the program and returned to the U.S. Dave's ESL Café is perhaps the biggest and the oldest site listing opportunities, but any program can post and isn't necessarily vetted or approved. Certain countries have their own programs, such as JET in Japan, TaLK in South Korea, and language assistants in France and Spain, which are all well-known and generally well-regarded.

Students should also carefully evaluate their options for ESL or TESOL or TESL certification. An online certification, in-person workshop/short duration boot camp, and actual (lengthy) teacher ed. certification are all viewed differently. Generally, higher quality and more rigorous teach abroad opportunities will require higher quality, more rigorous certification.

Consult Going Global (inside HireaHawk) and Kiss, Bow, Shake Hands (via UI Library databases) to review cultural advice and also work visa information for many countries worldwide.

Here are some [teach abroad resources](#) to start with, compiled by UI Study Abroad.

More info on a few [common TEFL certification programs](#).

You can also find more information about TEFL certifications at [Dave's ESL Café](#). The [forums](#) on Dave's ESL Café could also be a good place to seek advice on certification and also on various programs/employers. Dave's ESL café also has many free teaching resources in their [idea cookbook](#).

General advice to students considering teaching abroad, especially without any kind of certification—read any contract thoroughly. Google the name of the program/employer + reviews or + scam. Ask for references you can contact who are former teachers with the program/employer. Review the information here on [How to Spot Fraudulent Employers and Postings](#) and this one specific to [International Employment Scams](#).

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Program Name	Cost	Length	Time w/Learners	Location
<a href="#">Various Groupons</a>	\$39	150 hours??	???	Online
<a href="#">UNI-Prep</a> (similar to groupons??)	\$250	120 hours?? In as little as 2 wks	Optional 20 hrs	Online
<a href="#">International TEFL Academy - Online</a>	\$1395	170 hours + Free Bonus Modules	20 hours included	Online
<a href="#">International TEFL Academy - In Person</a>	Varies, ~\$1500 to \$2800	4 weeks	Not specified	Several worldwide
<a href="#">CIEE</a>	Varies, \$1800 - \$3000	Semester and Year-long placement, 150 hour online training	Not specified	10 countries worldwide
<a href="#">Trinity CertTESOL</a>	Varies; Sample 1: \$1400 in Prague Sample 2: \$1900 in Shanghai	Sample 1: 4 weeks in Prague, 134 hours Sample 2: 20 weeks, 1 day per week in Shanghai	Sample 1: 7 hours minimum in Prague  Sample 2: not specified	100 providers for Trinity CertTESOL worldwide
<a href="#">CELTA</a>	Varies, sample \$2,000 in Spain	120 hours, 4-5 weeks or part time, or online	6 hours	300 centers in 70 countries
<a href="#">SIT TESOL</a>	Varies, \$1600 - \$2900 (may include room/board)	130 hours	Not specified	~ 7 locations around the world
<a href="#">Peace Corps TEFL Certificate Program</a>	Included with Peace Corps service	120 hours of training, two years' experience	Two years	Online and onsite
<a href="#">Various Gov't Programs</a>	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
<a href="#">Fulbright ETA</a>	Included with Fulbright award	Varies by country, 8-10 months	Not specified	Not specified
US-based teaching licensure for American international K-12 schools	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies, <a href="#">examples here</a>