

APPLICATION FORM – SIT TESOL Certificate Course

***The School for International Training
TESOL CERTIFICATE COURSE COSTA RICA
at TEACHER TRAINING COSTA RICA***

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NAME: _____
Country: _____
email: _____
Dates of course I am applying for: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FORM:

Entry Requirements

In order to be accepted into the Certificate course, applicants must:

- 1) Possess a high school diploma
- 2) Demonstrate a clear interest in teaching ESOL and have taught for at least one year.
- 3) Have an ability to focus on student learning and reflect upon the impact of one's own teaching.
- 4) Have a positive attitude regarding experiential activities and working in groups. This means that you are not only willing to fully participate in such activities, but also recognize the value in doing so.
- 5) Demonstrate English language proficiency (CI level on the CEF or TOEFL 550 non-native speakers)
- 6) Complete the application form and a short essay.
- 7) Complete an informal phone interview will be conducted by and SIT Trainer.

Key factors for interview:

- Educational background, dedication to teaching English
- Appropriateness of the course for the applicant's needs/goals
- Attitude regarding reflection, experiential and collaborative learning, and group work
- Language proficiency

Attendance Policy

- Participants are expected to attend all course sessions. Those who know in advance that they are unable to attend the whole course **cannot be accepted**. Participants should understand that the course is a full time endeavor. In order to complete the demands of the course successfully, participants should not expect to be able to work or attend to other commitments during the course.
- In the event of a serious illness or emergency, participants should notify a trainer as soon as possible. The participant must make up all missed work and practice teaching.

- The first full two days of the course cannot be missed. If this should occur, the participant must withdraw.
- If the participant must take a prolonged absence (more than two days) s/he must withdraw from the course.
- Attendance only is not a guarantee that the certificate will be issued. Participants must fulfill the requirements of the course in order to receive the certificate.

Personal Data

Name (as you wish it to appear on your certificate) _____

Current mailing address/phone number (**make sure to include zip codes and country names, and country codes for phone numbers**) _____

Permanent address/ phone number _____

Cell Phone:

Best time to reach me by phone _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Occupation _____ Citizenship _____ Gender **M/F**

Native language _____ Date of Birth _____

Educational Background Feel free to submit your resume instead of filling out this section.

Schools Attended	Dates	Degree/Diploma
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work Experience (non teaching)

Feel free to submit your resume instead of filling out this section.

Position/place	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Teaching Experience

Describe your teaching experience. Where have you taught? What levels, texts, contexts? (Make sure to include the name of the institution as well as your position(s) there.) Feel free to submit your resume instead of filling out this section.

Language Learning Experience

Do you have experience learning other languages? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, which languages and for how long?

Self introduction: Please write a brief paragraph (between 3 and 8 sentences) about yourself to be included in the program binder. *(Everyone will receive a list of everyone's name, address, and brief biography)*

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to take the SIT TESOL Certificate course?
2. Why do you want to teach English to speakers of other languages?
3. Why do you want to take the course in Costa Rica?
4. What are your biggest strengths and challenges as a teacher of ESOL?
5. What do you plan to do with your new learnings when you go back to your home country and school?
6. The course is offered in a small town in rural Costa Rica. We are far from cities and many activities. Are you ready and willing to commit to one month of intensively thinking about and working on teaching English in this rural setting?



Along with the application, all prospective participants are required to submit a 400-500 word response to the following statement:

Jon McClelland, Harvard Psychologist, has stated that the three ingredients to successful learning are: Wanting to learn, Knowing how to learn, and Having a chance to learn. Discuss this in an essay using personal examples from your own learning (not limited to language learning).



Please sign _____ Date _____