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Help! TESOL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



TESOL Certification Program

Designed for college students or recent graduates who want to experience Mexico and serve the local community while they prepare themselves professionally.



Help's TESOL Certification Program is specially designed for:

- People who want to become TESOL certified and get real in-class experience.
- Recent college graduates who want to make Mexico the first step on their international journey.
- Those making a career change and think teaching abroad is the right choice.
- Teachers-in-training who want to garner real, practical experience in a classroom.
- College students who are preparing to apply for admission into an Education or Master's Degree Program and want to add something spectacular to their portfolio.
- Adventurers who want to spend a semester abroad on a reliable, safe and worthwhile program that allows them to serve and learn at the same time.

Heslington is unique because:

- We are affiliated with the International Institute of Education (www.iie.latinamerica.org) – a part of the US Embassy in Mexico's education department.
- We are certifying partners with American TESOL (www.americantesol.com).
- We have over 15 years of experience hosting more than 1000 international students and teaching professionals.
- We not only offer a semester of service abroad, but a semester invested in personal and professional development.



With the ever-changing job market and high level of unemployment for recent college graduates, Help! knows that having a “plan B” will open the doors to OPPORTUNITIES. Having a TESOL certification will give you the following:

- An international certification that gives any native speaker the chance to gain employment teaching English abroad or in the private sector in the US.
- Job stability --- the more certification and degrees one possesses, the more marketable one becomes. A TESOL certification will also open doors to having more responsibility and a higher salary (working with non-English speaking clients, becoming a community liaison, etc...). With a TESOL certification, you are also eligible for part-time and full-time teaching positions with organizations serving ESL learners and immigrants who live in your community.
- The ability to teach at hundreds of schools around the world for a year or two - opening the door to exploring the world – your opportunities become endless.
- If you are planning on studying to become a teacher (Elementary or Secondary Education) you will eventually need to become ESL certified – why not start your career in education with a TESOL certification under your belt? Most universities that have Education Departments also offer TESOL certification (ranging from 20 – 60 additional credit hours) – at Help!, you can get your certification in just ONE semester and you will accrue international teaching experience at the same time.

Note: Most states require that all certifications be revalidated according to the State Department of Education requirements– please contact each state office for more information.

- Heslington is also much cheaper than a typical semester of school or college-sponsored study abroad programs that can cost between \$6,000 - \$10,000 dollars (tuition, room and board, books, etc...). At Heslington you pay 1/3 that amount and gain so much more!!!!

Program Description



All participants will take class/study for their TESOL certification for approximately 2 hours/day. These classes consist of reading assignments (the latest ESL Theories and Articles), participating in roundtables, formal classroom instruction, watching webinars and doing homework/taking quizzes. To add practical work to the theory acquired in the Certification program, participants will also teach for 4 hours/day. Teachers can choose

to work with children, teenagers, and adults to have a broader sense of what teaching abroad is really like and how each learning group is unique.

Your **course fees cover all of the “little things”** that make all the difference –

1. Heslington has a caring and dedicated local staff that are committed to helping you have a remarkable experience on-site;
2. Heslington arranges your flight (included in your course fee);
3. Heslington provides nice, modern housing (local standards) for the duration of your stay so you don't have to worry about finding a hostel, paying extra for a hotel or dorm or stressing about where you will live for 4 months – all utilities (gas, electricity, sewage, etc.... are covered in the course fees). Host families are also available so you can experience “real-life Mexico” and pick up some Spanish;
4. Your course fees cover breakfast, lunch and dinner (Monday – Friday);
5. You will be able to take 3 sessions of Spanish lessons/week;
6. 24/7 support is available in case of emergency;
7. WiFi is available at the school and housing for professional and personal use;
8. Constant observation and feedback are provided to help you become a proficient and successful teacher;
9. Job Placement assistance locally and from American TESOL's professional network is provided;
10. A detailed Letter of Recommendation is given after successfully completing the program.

Fees:

The four-month program costs: **\$2,500.00 USD**

This fee includes:

- TESOL certification training and diploma (books and online support included)
- Housing for the duration of your stay (shared bedroom in school housing) or a host family situation.
- Meals (Monday-Friday) – light breakfast and dinner and large lunch
- Over 200 hours of in- classroom experience
- Observation and evaluation by experienced ESL teachers and School Directors
- Airfare included (from all Major US and Canadian International Airports)
- Basic Spanish classes (3 hours/week) and culture workshops/excursions
- 24/7 local support to help you enjoy your Mexico experience
- A network of new English- speaking friends from around the world
- Job Placement Assistance
- Letters of Recommendation and International Certificate upon successful completion



The four-week Summer Program costs: **\$1,000.00 USD**

Payment Methods:

Direct Deposit

Wire Transfer

Help! Heslington Language Programs is a legally operating language school in Mexico, but is not based in the United States – therefore, certain payment address options do not contain the traditional company name as is common in the United States – in Mexico most businesses are identified for tax purposes with the owner's complete name. Anyone paying with a check will need to make it out to a personal account (Zions Bank) in the United States. Program Fees are not tax-deductible.

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

To be accepted in the TESOL Certification Program, participants must:

1. Demonstrate enthusiasm and a desire to serve and teach
2. Have a high school diploma or equivalent and be at least 18 years old
3. Be a native English speaker
4. Have high moral standards
5. Submit 1 letter of reference from a past employer/leader/ professor.
6. Turn in the completed Application format with copy of current Passport.
7. Have an interview with Help! Program Director via Skype.
8. Pay all program fees before departure
9. Have your own laptop to bring to Mexico with high-speed internet capabilities for online assignments and "live" network lectures



PROGRAM DATES

Semester Programs

Fall 2018 August 15 - December 15

Winter 2019 January 2 - April 27

Spring 2019 May 1 - August 10

Code of Conduct

1. Volunteers are expected to practice all of the qualities of a good teacher – punctuality; responsibility; determination; respect for students, partners, host families and administrators; and trustworthiness. They should protect the good name and reputation of Help! at all times.
2. Volunteers must maintain a student- teacher relationship. This means that teachers may not date or have any inappropriate romantic relationships with students, staff or host family members.
3. Volunteers are expected to be honest, true and chaste in all aspects of their lives and to avoid vulgarity of any kind (inappropriate language, immodest or revealing clothing, and vulgar or offensive behavior). Teachers must also refrain from abusing alcoholic beverages, using tobacco, or taking illegal drugs or substances during their stay in Mexico.
4. If Volunteers choose to leave their teaching location for any reason (sightseeing, vacation, etc...) they must inform the School Director of their plans and who will be accompanying them – in case of emergency or if they need to be contacted.
5. Volunteers are subject to the laws of the Mexican Republic and must obey these laws at all times. Violations of the law will be subject to the Mexican legal system. Being disrespectful of people, customs, food and traditions is not appropriate behavior. The Volunteer should be sensitive of the country and its practices.
6. Volunteers should not promote or invite the immigration of Mexican citizens to the United States for any reason. Volunteers should not give economic help to students, host families or other people they come in contact with.
7. In accordance with Mexican law and the Secretary of Immigration, volunteers are not allowed to accept employment outside of their volunteer assignment with Help!
8. Teachers should not accept invitations to discotheques, bars, or table dance clubs that may endanger their personal integrity.
9. Teachers must keep the school and their living quarters clean.
10. Teachers must dress in a professional manner while on school grounds – body piercings and tattoos must be taken out/covered.
11. Help! is not responsible for the costs of any health/medical problems or situations that may arise during your stay. Help! is not legally responsible for accident, personal injuries, damages to or loss of personal property, health issues, hospital/doctors' fees incurred or any other monetary remuneration.