



# TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Build upon your passion for teaching and earn a professional certificate, all while serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

## Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate Program

Volunteers in designated countries support student achievement by teaching English as a foreign language to both children and adults in their host community.

### 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 10 hours of practice teaching

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

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

**Volunteer Evaluation:** Rigorous teaching observations with TEFL Certificate standards and performance indicators to assess and track competency

**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

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Visit [peacecorps.gov/openings](https://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 selection form.

“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  
VOLUNTEER IN MADAGASCAR



### TEFL Certificate 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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