

# Secondary Education English Teacher Training



## Your Skills. Our Jobs.

For many countries, English remains the “gateway to the world” of international education, commerce, and development. To answer these requests, the Peace Corps is calling on language instructors to join the effort and become part of a service legacy that dates back to 1961. While you may have many job prospects, nothing in your career is likely to compare to the challenges and rewards of the Peace Corps.

## When The World Calls Roll, Answer “Present.”

Add a new dimension to your career. Discover innovative ways to apply your workplace, classroom, and leadership experiences. Work in unforgettable locations where your knowledge and resourcefulness are in great demand. Forge new and lifelong relationships within the communities you serve, while preparing teachers to bring English to children throughout their countries. The possibilities as a Peace Corps Volunteer are endless and yours to leave an indelible mark.

Upon returning to the U.S., you’ll discover open doors leading to new and exciting personal and professional opportunities. Fluency in a foreign language, international experience, and cross-cultural understanding are highly sought-after assets in today’s global economy. You’ll take away the satisfaction of knowing your efforts will have a lasting influence abroad while making you stand out here at home.

Experience as a Peace Corps Volunteer working to train local teachers is valued by numerous organizations, including the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of Education, the Corporation for National and Community Service, Teach for America, public and private school districts across the U.S., and many private companies, NGOs, and public organizations seeking individuals with unique skills.

## The Work.

As a Secondary Education English Teacher Training Volunteer, your role will be to train English teachers in one school or throughout a region via formal classes, workshops, and informal activities. Depending on your specific assignment, you might:

- Teach education students while also working with school faculty to increase their English language fluency
- Develop course curricula and other resources and materials
- Provide instruction in various methodologies of teaching and student interaction including communicative-based teaching models
- Tutor teachers and advanced students one-on-one
- Organize demonstration lessons among schools in a region
- Conduct training seminars and workshops for new and experienced teachers
- Engage students in out of school activities to build confidence and practice English
- Teach emerging teachers at teachers colleges



As the Peace Corps approaches its 50th anniversary, it continues to promote peace and friendship, with Volunteers serving in over 70 countries. Since 1961, nearly 200,000 Americans have served the Peace Corps in 139 countries around the world.

# Are You Ready?



## How do I qualify?

To qualify for a Secondary Education English Teacher Training assignment, you will need at a minimum:

- Bachelor's degree in secondary education with a concentration in English, TEFL, or foreign language or
- Bachelor's degree in English, TEFL, or foreign language and six months full-time classroom teaching the same at the secondary level or
- Bachelor's degree in any discipline with one year full-time classroom teaching English, TEFL, or foreign language at the secondary level or
- Bachelor's degree in any discipline with secondary education state certification in English, TEFL, or foreign language or
- Master's degree in education with a concentration in English, TEFL, or foreign language or
- Master's degree in teaching English, TEFL, foreign language, or applied linguistics

## Is this the right fit?

Let the Peace Corps match your skills and ambitions with the right type of program. Based on the areas identified by our host countries, there is a pressing need to train and support secondary school English language teachers. You might work in a university, a language institute or teacher training center, or in a regional education office. In all sites, you have the opportunity to put your knowledge and expertise into practice and, in the process, be a catalyst for change and set the groundwork for a truly sustainable impact.

## How can I stand out?

Qualified applicants are university graduates with experience as student teachers, graduate teaching assistants, or substitute teachers, or have at least six months of teaching experience.

The ability to learn a new language is an important ingredient to a successful volunteer experience. Become more competitive by taking at least a year of French or two years of Spanish at the university level. If you have learned a language informally, Peace Corps may consider the CLEP and ACTFL exams to consider you for placement.

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*“My biggest success is inspiring teachers to look beyond the teacher-centered methodology they were accustomed to using and trying a new teaching technique with new ideas to try – giving encouragement that they don't have to do things like everyone else.”*

— Rejoyce Milam, Volunteer in Kyrgyz Republic