

# Adventure is out there

## TEFL Course 2017

Teach English & Travel the World.

Increasingly, young (and not-so-young) South Africans are looking for good job opportunities in stable countries with a developmental, progressive approach to economic growth, where they can earn a good living in relative safety. As our economy continues to stagnate, and socio-political conditions continue to deteriorate, more and more South Africans are moving into the exciting world of TEFL - Teaching English to as a Foreign Language (also known as TESOL - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). It's a relatively easy way to earn good money, experience living and working in another country, or to take a GAP year - and often a great option when looking for ways to fund your studies. On offer are jobs teaching English in a wide range of countries, including China, South Korea, Vietnam, Russia, Colombia, and many more. The requirements: mother-tongue level English, and TEFL certification. Of course, having a university degree helps to land better-paid jobs, and often makes the visa process easier. However, plenty of TEFL certified teachers from South Africa, without degrees, are teaching in all the countries mentioned above.

In the Eastern Cape, TEFL teacher training courses are available at Bay Language Institute, located in Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth. The school specialises in training EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teachers, and has gained a reputation for producing creative, capable and reliable teaching staff. Bay Language has been offering TEFL courses for seven years, having started with one course a year to the current five fixed courses per year, and additional courses when necessary.

The Bay Language course is a full-time, 120-hour, in-class course offered at the language school. It offers a carefully balanced combination of theory through interactive, experiential teaching and plenty of formal teaching practice, as well as observation of both experienced EFL teachers and peer student teachers at the school. We believe that producing great teachers is best achieved in a contact/in-class course; online courses cannot easily offer teaching practice, and the dynamics of a language classroom can readily be replicated.

While the school doesn't act as a placement agency, it does assist and guide students looking for teaching positions. It also works very closely with GoldKey Education, a South African EFL teacher recruitment agency which enjoys government accreditation in Korea, and places teachers in Korea, China, Vietnam and Colombia. In particular, Bay

Language is cooperating with GoldKey in the recruitment of school leavers and university students who want to benefit from a GAP year project teaching English in China, as well as South Africans looking to live and work in Korea.

Bay Language Institute has been offering language products to South African and foreign students for almost 11 years, and is accredited by the South African Civil Aviation Authority to conduct English Language Proficiency testing for pilots and air traffic controllers, as well as by Education South Africa, the only national organisation for language schools in South Africa.



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