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Teaching English in Thailand

Thailand is one of the exotic countries in South East Asia and a sought after destination not just for them who want to feed their wanderlust but for those who are planning to teach English overseas. Thailand, a most-visited Asian country has a lot to offer to lure tourists and teacher travellers alike looking to spend some time abroad and gain international work exposure. This popular tourist destination attracts millions of visitors from around the world and of late, Thailand has become a choicest destination for travellers who are also looking for a satisfying TEFL career in the country. Living and teaching in a country like Thailand can be a life changing experience. It is much more than mere travelling; it is about experiencing a new way of life with its pros and cons, facing the challenges and at the same time expanding personal horizons. Starting your teaching career in Thailand after obtaining a TEFL certification will be advantageous because it will be familiarizing with only the Thai students with language difficulties rather than having a mixed bag of random nationalities. Moreover, Thailand offers you a congenial environment and living is less expensive compared to other Asian countries.

EFL/ESL Jobs in Thailand

Schools abroad are keen to hire English teachers with a TEFL certification and of late, ESL jobs are opening up with a great demand for English teachers in globalized Asia. Asia has become the current sought after destination for ESL teachers. Thailand can be an ideal destination for all those first time ESL/EFL teachers as aspiring teachers looking for a job can easily apply for a teaching position from their home country without the hassle of travelling in an unfamiliar country searching frantically for a good job with a decent pay package. The school year in Thailand begins in May and continues till March with breaks in between in the months of October and April. They usually hire teachers one month prior to the starting of a new session. Employments are available in government and private schools and language institutes spread across Thailand. Those travelling for the first time must apply through a proper organization as they will look after all the visa and work permit paraphernalia. Thai schools offer a diverse range of TEFL job openings and career opportunities for ESL/EFL teachers. Choosing Thailand as a TEFL destination is bound to be a beautiful experience to cherish forever.

Salary and Benefits

If someone is looking for a guaranteed job placement it is best to go for South East Asia. There are several schools and language institutes offering teaching jobs in Thailand so there are plenty of opportunities for teaching aspirants. EFL/ESL teachers can look forward to a salary ranging between 18,000 THB and 30,000 THB approximately which promises a comfortable stay. At government schools you have to follow a Monday-Friday teaching schedule with your weekends and all local and public holidays off. The pay scale at language institutes is higher, but you have to be prepared to work nights and weekends because the majority of students are working professionals or students studying after school. You can also opt for private tutoring which can be a lucrative option and you can earn 300 baht to 1,000 baht per hour depending on the learner. As you gain experience and manage a teaching job in a pre-eminent educational institution you can expect a salary of around 40,000 baht. Of late Thailand has become the most popular tourist destination in the South East Asia with a demand for TEFL certified teachers remains consistently strong.



What is Special Thai Project?

Special Thai Project" is a unique program from Asian College of Teachers which combines a TEFL training followed by 4-5 months of guaranteed job placement in local Thai schools.

The essential requirements to be a part of this program are that you can be a native English speaker or a non-native speaker with near native fluency, a Bachelor's Degree and some work experience.

Broader view of the program we offer:-

3 weeks TEFL followed by ESL Job: The 3 weeks covering 120 hours in-class TESOL training is designed to give a winning start to your TEFL career. The training is conducted throughout the year in Bangkok which can be availed at a reasonable course fee of 1390 USD/998 GBP. The training combined with the teaching practice session gives a better understanding of the methodologies of EFL/ESL teaching. On successful completion of the course you will be awarded with a guaranteed job as an ESL teacher for 4-5 months in different schools in Thailand with salary starting from 18,000 THB which can go up to 30,000 THB for non-natives and 22,000 THB for native non-degree holders.

Entry Requirements: All native and non-native speakers with near-native fluency stand eligible to enrol in Special Thai Project. Native speakers even non-degree holders below 40 years of age are eligible to apply. Non-native speakers with a bachelor's degree (in any field) and some work experience can opt for the course.

Dates and Fees: The course is conducted throughout the year and can be availed at a reasonable course fee of 1390 USD/998 GBP.

Accommodation: The 3 weeks training is conducted in a 3 star hotel in Bangkok (JL Bangkok) where you are stationed during your training days. It has all the best possible services to meet your needs while providing a comfortable stay during your training days

Benefits of STP Course:-

If you are really looking for an incredible adventure and looking for one of the best times of your life, then you must immediately opt for Special Thai Project. We, at Asian College of Teachers, are there to develop your knowledge, brush-up your teaching skills, work on your passion and ultimately fulfil your aspirations. Life as an EFL/ESL teacher in Thailand can provide you with a fun lifestyle, great experience and wonderful memories to cherish forever.

We at Asian College of Teachers:

- Provide an intensive course which includes the principles and practice of English language teaching
- Provide dedicated tutors to observe the progress of each trainee
- Impart training which gives the confidence to teach any age group
- Provide excellent Thai classrooms different from the familiar ones
- Get your apprehensions replaced with fun as you learn about Thai Culture
- Improve your fluency, confidence and ability as a trained EFL/ESL teacher
- Provide you with a recognized global certification
- Provide valuable TESOL Canada certification
- Give an option to opt for College of Birmingham certification at an extra cost
- Help you land a desirable job at varied global locations
- Help you not only get a job as a teacher but also a trainer in Corporate Sector
- Provide guaranteed best value for money



About Asian College of Teachers (ACT)

Asian College of Teachers is an outstanding training organization with its sole focus on high quality teacher education which boasts of a strong global presence with an impressive 10,000 enrolments and an “Excellence in Education” award earned at the 7th Achievers Summit for the "Global Achievers Award" held in Bangkok on 23rd August 2014.

ACT TEFL Courses accredited by TESOL Canada

Asian College of Teachers’ TEFL / TESOL courses are accredited by TESOL Canada. All successful TEFL students of Asian College Of Teachers can appear for the internationally recognized TESOL Board exam which is organized through TESOL Canada in association with ACT. Students after passing the board exam will receive as exclusive TESOL Canada and TESOL USA TEFL Certificate which is duly notarized by Canada and USA government. The certificates can be taken to the relevant Indian Embassy for embassy verification and their signatures and seals. For Indian students working and living in Dubai, UAE, Gulf countries their certificates can be signed and sealed by the U.A.E Embassy

We develop customized courses for global educators

We, at ACT, are always in pursuit of excellence as we strive to impart training to future teaching professionals in the TEFL – Teaching English as a Foreign Language segment with the aim to develop global educators who can lead diverse classrooms across the globe. ACT has emerged as a leading training organization showing ample promise in developing customized courses covering all levels of teacher education emphasizing global awareness in terms of demonstrating knowledge, skills and strategies by the future teaching professionals.

We design interactive workshops for professional educators

The workshops conducted are meant for educators seeking professional development and the trainers travel to the respective places to conduct workshops for a few days. The workshop is designed according to the requirement of the school so that the participating teachers bring back to classes flood of innovative ideas and it also puts emphasis on various hands on activities, games etc which engage the candidates and aid in better understanding. The workshops are usually interactive with the training enriching the minds of the candidates with relevant knowledge. These workshops involve teachers in learning activities and encourage the development of teaching communities.

ACT has worldwide associations with schools

ACT has associations with various schools all over the world ranging from Qatar to China and also offers special package for group admission in case of bulk enrolment from schools or other educational institutions. Asian College of Teachers is committed to provide learning to future educators which will be an experience that is meaningful as well as beneficial for the future teachers. We provide teacher education that will prepare aspiring as well as working teaching professionals for new roles and responsibilities and acquaints them with the emerging trends in the field of teaching and training.

Applicants hail from Europe, America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand

ACT is expanding at a rapid pace and making its presence felt with its customized courses designed for new age educators as applications for courses are pouring in from Europe, America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. With affordable fees and easy access to varied TEFL courses which provide the trainees with the knowledge and competencies so that they are confident enough to engage the learners in a positive manner have actually made it easier for aspiring as well as working teachers to apply from any part of the globe.



Get a globally recognized certificate along with a job

You stay in communities away from the tourist circuit thereby getting an opportunity to see the very soul of Thai society. The Thai people by nature are very hospitable and friendly. Moreover teachers in Thai society are held in very high esteem therefore your experience in Thailand can never be compared with anyone else travelling through the country as a mere tourist. Not only do you have the opportunity to holiday in a beautiful country but also earn a qualification and on the job experience that adds value to your profile and can be put to use at any point in your life.

Enrol in STP for a life changing experience

To travel abroad is a dream for many and if you are looking for a life changing experience then go for teaching English abroad if you really want to feel a sense of fulfilment and accomplishment. Yet it remains a distant dream for most due to various reasons but primarily due to the cost involved. Special Thai Project helps you tide over this main hurdle by providing an opportunity to travel and fund your own travels. It helps you to explore new regions by not spending a single

penny from your pocket. What STP does is gives you an opportunity to be trained as an EFL/ESL teacher and land a job immediately without having to lift a finger in the process.

Connect with the heart and soul of Thailand

Once you enrol in the STP program it is ACT's responsibility to arrange for your stay in Thailand during the course, put you through an intensive training program and guarantee your placement for the next 4 months. In this whole process you get to explore a new country, experience a new culture, interact with new people, taste exotic cuisines, all this and much more but unlike a regular traveller. A tourist gets to see the kingdom of Thailand superficially, the face that brochures and travel agents sell but the STP program helps you to connect with the heart and soul of Thailand.

Expand your TEFL Horizons in Thailand

Thailand offers you a congenial environment and living is less expensive compared to other Asian countries. Getting a TEFL certification and choosing to teach overseas especially in a country like Thailand will be exciting and a great investment in terms of gaining

valuable experience career wise. TEFL offers an exceptional multi-cultural opportunity for those who are passionate about both travelling as well as teaching. TEFL course is designed in a way to make learning fun because it is all about learning the English language and its teaching methods using fun-based techniques. TEFL introduces the students with a completely new approach to learning and is way ahead of the traditional academic course.

Loads of TESOL jobs in Thailand

With English becoming a world language the Thais have opened up to the idea of incorporating English in their daily lives making way for a large number of ESL jobs. The English language teaching industry has evolved over the past couple of years and therefore, a lot of emphasis is being put on teaching English in Thailand. Thailand is a country renowned for its tropical climate, hospitable locals and a great shopping destination. A significant number of Thais with inadequate English skills are working in varied sectors and they are in dire need of proficiency in English and this has led to loads of TESOL jobs in Thailand.



Travel and get trained in Thailand

“One night in Bangkok.....” goes a popular number and probably a refrain in every heart who has been to Bangkok. The kingdom of Thailand is popularly known as the land of a thousand smiles and not without reason. Thais are probably the most hospitable and friendly people in the world and these are the reasons behind it being the most visited destination among travellers to Asia. You can see the peaceful coexistence of the quiet conservatism along with the free spirit of modern life. The STP program in Bangkok offers an opportunity to experience all this but at the same time be professionally trained to teach EFL/ESL thereby contributing to society and giving back something to the place that offers so much. Coming from a western society every sight, sound and smell of the orient will enchant you.

Soak in an unforgettable Asian experience

The bright colour clothing, artistic handicrafts, the grand temple architecture, the quaint street markets selling everything from trinkets to pets are a feast for the eyes and soul. For the spiritual a quiet contemplative retreat in the Buddhist temples is the best connection one can have with one’s innermost being. For the naturalist a trek in the deep rainforests of tropical Thailand or the deep

depths of the Indian Ocean offers a multitude of wildlife typical to this region. For the city person the nightlife in Thailand does not fade even after sunrise. The exotic Thai food will tingle your taste buds and bring you in contact with unusual food like fried insects to fiery chillies along with the best tropical fruits. So, do not miss this opportunity to soak in an unforgettable Asian experience unlike a fleeting tourist but like a true traveller.

Teaching English in Thai school

Teaching has been hailed as a noble profession since the birth of civilization. The Thai society puts the teacher on a pedestal and therefore the teacher in Thailand is considered to be a role model. The teachers are highly respected in Thai community and as an EFL teacher in a Thai school you get an opportunity to teach and touch lives in true sense of the term. Although your job will be that of English teacher but you will be a part of the school and the community at large. The contract with most schools states 25 hours of teaching per week. Usually school timings are from Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. For Language Schools, teachers have sessions mostly during the evening and weekends.

But the teacher is expected to be physically present in

school during school hours even if he or she has no class. Apart from English if the teacher has interests in other subjects he or she might also teach allied subjects. Since teaching is a community skill one is automatically drawn into various school activities and functions without it being an officially duty of the teacher. However, like any other job one is expected to take one’s responsibility professionally. Dress codes in Thai government schools may seem strict at first, but appearances and first impressions are extremely important in Thailand. If you are a teacher, you will be expected to dress accordingly especially in school.

One English Camp per semester

Teachers need to attend 1 English Camp for their school per semester. There is little to no preparation required, just attendance and participation in English Camps for their school per semester. English Camps generally fall on a Saturday and run from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Teachers are expected to be at school for all Non- Thai national holidays. This includes Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter, Valentine’s Day, etc. Most schools have special celebrations on these days and you will be asked to help them organize as you will be the resident expert on Western holidays.



Overview of Thai Schools

The rise of English language at a phenomenal rate has paved the way for the development of both learning as well as teaching English language in Thailand. The Thais have opened up to the idea of incorporating English in their daily lives making way for a large number of EFL/ESL jobs in various schools spread all over the country. Different types of schools can be found ranging from international and private schools, government to higher education institutes. The capital city of Bangkok is dotted with a lot of international schools suitable for every age which maintain a very high standard when it comes to teaching and the facilities provided. Apart from the British and American curriculum, the international schools present in other cities as well also offer the International Baccalaureate or follow national systems from Germany, Switzerland, Japan and India. International school students are allowed to study AP, GCE "A" Level, IGCSE and the IB so that they can pursue higher studies outside the country.

Teaching English in Thai schools

Government and public schools are free for Thai nationals. Quite a number of government schools run English language programs which are conducted in English by native English speakers. Thai schools are segregated into pre-kindergarten, primary and

secondary schools. International, private, public, government and temple schools follow this division. Besides innumerable teaching opportunities in these schools for EFL/ESL teachers there are a number of language schools, vocational colleges and universities where English teaching jobs are offered. A typical school day usually starts with the National Anthem at 8-30 in the morning and ends at around 15-30 hours though the timings of the government schools may vary a little. Aspiring English teachers have to be TEFL certified before they start applying for teaching English jobs in Thai schools.

Job Opportunities after STP

There will be no dearth of jobs even after the project comes to an end. It is important for teachers embarking on a TEFL career to choose their preferred teaching destination. To work as an English teacher abroad, acquiring a TEFL certificate proves to be extremely beneficial as job eligibility criteria and salaries range from country to country, school to school and even contract to contract. If an EFL/ESL teacher is planning to gather funds while travelling exotic places then Asia is the safest bet where the first time teachers can gain valuable teaching experience while enjoying some great culture, delectable cuisines and affordable living in

countries like Thailand, South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam and China. In Middle Eastern countries the employers are always on the lookout for experienced ESL teachers and preference is given to male teachers.

ESL Job Opportunities galore

If the candidates know a smattering of Spanish and Portuguese, then they can head to Latin America. There are numerous language institutes in vibrant cities like Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo where there are job opportunities for fresh English language teachers. Costa Rica is another well known ESL destination where ESL job openings are galore for first time teachers. Candidates eyeing ESL jobs in Africa can opt for Egypt and Morocco although voluntary teachers are more in demand there. Europe could be a dream destination for ESL teachers and countries like Spain, Italy, Czech Republic, France and Austria attract loads of ESL teachers because of the breathtaking locations although the standard of living is on the steep side. If handsome salary, enhancing your knowledge and a foreign tour are what you expect from your workplace, TEFL is the platform where you can fulfil all your desires. Teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL) gives you an opportunity to not only explore the world and fund your travels but also gain experience which you can boast of.



ACCREDITATION – IMPORTANT FACET OF ACT COURSES TESOL Canada

All Asian College of Teachers TEFL / TESOL courses are accredited by TESOL Canada. Additionally you may further upgrade the value of your certificate by taking an additional exam called “TESOL Board Exam” from TESOL Canada at an extra exam fees. TESOL Canada programs are approved by the Ministry of Employment, Human Resources Development Canada HRDC, and authenticated through Ministry of Foreign Affairs for international use. This is a measure to ensure excellence in language training. But this is not mandatory rather meant for up gradation.

Even though the above process involves extra cost as fees, still those are worthwhile as they will add extra credibility in India, UAE, Thailand or any other international destination. It is not an obligation on your part, but it is recommended to get the approval and getting the stamp of Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TEACHING AND TRAINING (LSTT)

The teacher training courses of Asian College Teachers are endorsed, weighted and certified by London School of Teaching and Training, United Kingdom. LSTT is a prominent name when it comes to world class teachers training. LSTT offer high quality and well researched training for teachers as well as Continuing Professional

Development (CPD) for leaders, managers, teachers, and support staffs.

The courses offered by LSTT are scientifically designed along with Assessment Only Route (AO) route which opens up avenues for those who have considerable experience of working in schools, but do not possess Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

COLLEGE OF BIRMINGHAM (COB)

College of Birmingham in UK is a global educational institution, offering 200+ courses has accreditation and memberships from ATHE (Awards for Training and Higher Education), Pearson Qualifications, Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce and Working Towards Investors In People.

ACT is accredited and its courses are validated by the well-known College of Birmingham, which is duly accredited by the British Institute of Resource Development, England, ATHE – Award for Training and Higher Education & EDEXCEL approved centre. All our students are eligible for a separate certification from College Of Birmingham, UK after successful completion of our courses.

PEBBLE HILLS UNIVERSITY (PHU)

ACT courses are academically endorsed by reputed Pebble Hills University, USA which awards joint certifications for selective courses. Pebble Hills University is a truly international and career-focused university which offers online Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral programs mainly for adult learners. Pebble Hills

University is based in the State of Delaware in the US and PHU meets all state and federal laws of the United States. Pebble Hills University provides quality academic and technical undergraduate and post-graduate programs in numerous subjects which are tailored towards online, distance learning and part time system of learning. Moreover, the faculty associated with PHU are highly accomplished and dedicated to excellence in teaching.

Student Benefits

- International training organization providing high-quality teacher education courses
- Having a certificate from ACT guarantees a lifetime of opportunities in the field of teaching and training globally
- Our accreditations act as a vital tool to monitor and assess the standard and quality of education we provide
- TESOL Canada Certificate of Accreditation provides global recognition and strengthens the ACT certificate
- Benefits of Certificate Attestation, Notary and Embassy seal
- LSTT, COB, PHU certifications keep you one step ahead in the eyes of the recruiters
- ACT is manned by experienced, prudent and dedicated professionals
- Lifetime assistance for employment with access to job portals and huge Alumni network