Careers in ESOL and EFL

So you have a degree or a certificate in ESOL or TFL... now what can you do with it?

For those who want to travel there are many opportunities all around the world. For those who want a little extra cash companies hire TFL and ESOL tutors for $10-$35+ per hour.

What credentials do you need?
This is variable. Some positions hire anyone with a college degree from an English speaking country. Some require a TESL/TEFL Certificate. College level positions in Intensive English Programs (IEP) require a Masters in English or ESOL/TEFL or 18 graduate credit hours in either. Teacher or Instructor preparation positions typically require a Masters or Ph.D. in TEFL/ESOL. K-12 ESOL teaching positions require a teaching license and content expertise in an area deemed relevant by the particular state. In Alabama an elementary education, English Language Arts or Foreign Languages certificate qualifies you. Florida requires a degree in ESOL or an endorsement.

Overseas positions can pay very well – up to 75K in the Middle East or be volunteer positions and everything in-between. Check the links in the sidebar for job opportunities.

Language Practice with Native Speakers through Videoconferencing

Videoconferencing is a useful tool to increase language practice with native speakers. English language academies and students studying English in all levels of schools can benefit from conversation exchanges with students in the US. Equally, US students studying languages can benefit from such exchanges. Virtual exchanges can be scheduled to include time for conversation in each language.

Virtual cultural exchanges are an added bonus to facilitate both language practice and building the cultural knowledge needed to function in another language. Virtual exchanges can be held between groups or individuals. Individual exchanges can be at the convenience of both participants. For more see Dalampan, A. Teaching Oral Communication Using Videoconferencing

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