

# How to land a job teaching English online or abroad

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# COVID-19 and teaching abroad: What you need to know

To teach abroad you'll need a work visa, which allows you to legally work in the country.

Due to COVID 19, some countries around the world have travel restrictions/bans and VISA limitations and/or aren't currently issuing work VISAs for out of country residents.

**Because the situation and policies vary by location, we encourage everyone to stay informed and follow the recommendations of your local health authorities.**

You won't need to obtain a visa until after you land a job, but when doing your initial research, you'll want to ensure you qualify for a work visa. Check out the embassy or consulate website of the country you're interested in to find out:

- If there is an age limit on work visas
- If your citizenship qualifies you for a work visa
- If there are any educational requirements (like a bachelor's degree or TEFL)



# What types of teaching jobs are out there?

Teaching abroad isn't just for licensed teachers!

## Two types of teaching jobs:

### ESL TEACHING JOBS

Teach English in private or public schools and English language academies

### LICENSED TEACHING JOBS

Teach your desired subject and grade in private, public or international schools

# Comparing ESL teaching jobs abroad

Job Details	China	Japan	France	Colombia
Average Monthly Salary (USD)	\$1,500–\$4,500	\$2,200–\$3,000	\$1,100–\$2,000	\$500–\$1,500
Benefits Included	Housing, flights, vacation time & health insurance	Housing, flights, vacation time & health insurance	Usually none	Usually none
Typical Students	Children (pre-K to high school)	Children (pre-K to high school)	Business professionals & children (summer camps)	Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals
Required Qualifications	120-hour TEFL & bachelor's degree	120-hour TEFL preferred & bachelor's degree	120-hour TEFL & bachelor's degree (teaching experience also preferred)	120-hour TEFL required

# How has COVID-19 impacted online learning?

**The online teaching job market is booming!**

- **2 billion** (1 in 4) people learning English worldwide by 2021
- **\$80 billion** global online English teaching job market
- **7 million** online learners in China alone!



# What's teaching online really like?

Online Teaching	
Requirements	120-hours of TEFL and a bachelor's degree for most jobs
Typical Students	School children and business professionals
Average Hourly Salary (USD)	\$18-25

As an online teacher, you are considered an **independent contractor**.

This gives you a lot of flexibility. You can often set your own hours and take vacation freely.

You can also teach from anywhere in the world, as long as you have a stable internet connection and webcam!

# It's the ideal job for early birds

## Or night owls

Peak teaching hours in North America:

**EST**

Monday - Friday morning (6 - 10am)  
Friday evening 9pm - 12am

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Saturday - Sunday morning (12 - 10am)

**PST**

Monday - Friday morning (3 - 7am)  
Friday evening (6pm - 12am)

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Saturday - Sunday morning (12 - 7am)



# Understanding the requirements to teach abroad or online



# The basic requirements

Your bachelor's degree  
(in any subject)



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TEFL certificate



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ESL Teacher



**With your bachelor's degree and the right TEFL certificate, you're qualified for most ESL teaching positions all over the world!**

# Do I really need a TEFL certificate?

**Yes!**

**A TEFL certificate is always a good idea.**

If you've never taught English or English language learners (ELLs), then TEFL can be the key to your success, whether you're an experienced teacher or new to teaching.



**But...**

If you're already a licenced teacher or have teaching experience, you may not need a TEFL certificate to land a job.

# Can I still teach abroad if I don't have a bachelor's degree?

**Yes,** but it won't be easy.

A 4-year bachelor's degree is a minimum requirement for most teaching jobs abroad and is often a work visa requirement. Be sure to do your research and aim for countries you can qualify to work in.

Without a degree, you'll also need a top notch TEFL!



# Do I need to be a teacher or have teaching experience?

**No, you don't!**

To be an ESL instructor, you don't need to be a teacher and a vast majority of ESL teaching positions don't require any teaching experience.

Tips on preparing:

- Get a TEFL certification
- Talk to teach abroad experts
- Research, research, research
- Inquire about on-site training and support in-country



# Do I need to speak the local language?

**No, you don't!**

Most schools prefer teachers to have limited knowledge of the local language.

Plus, you will learn it along the way!



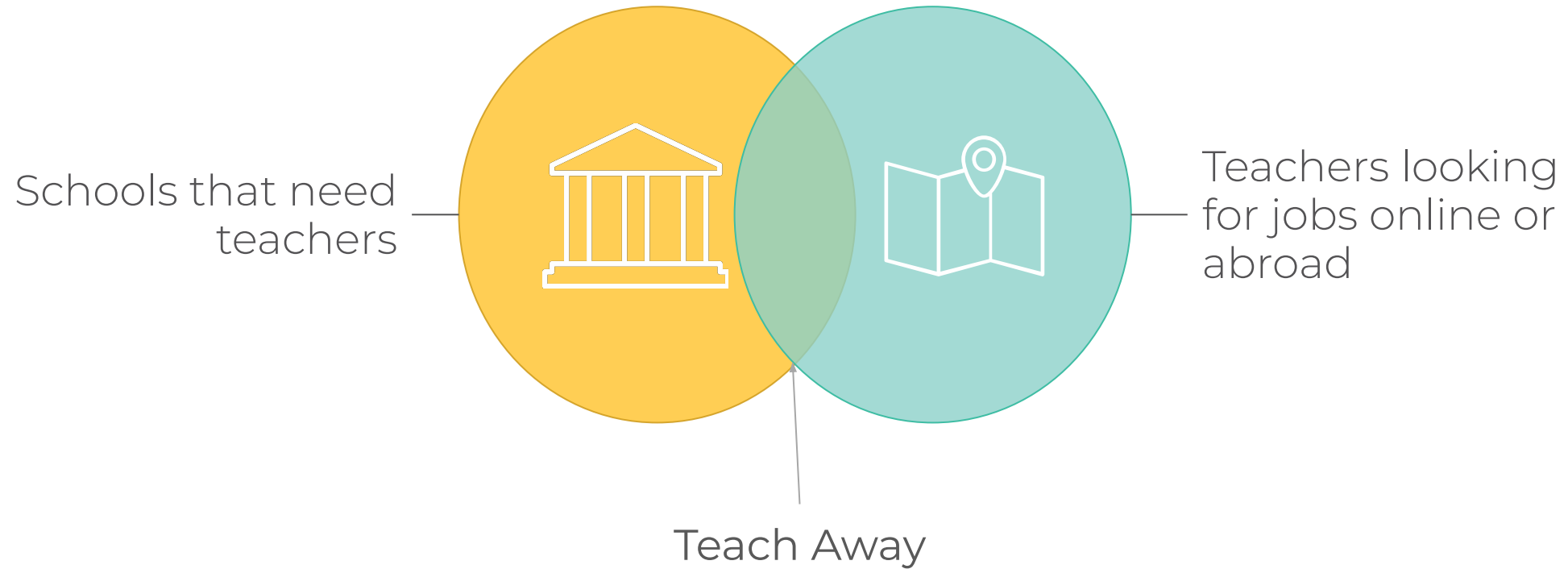
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hired easier.



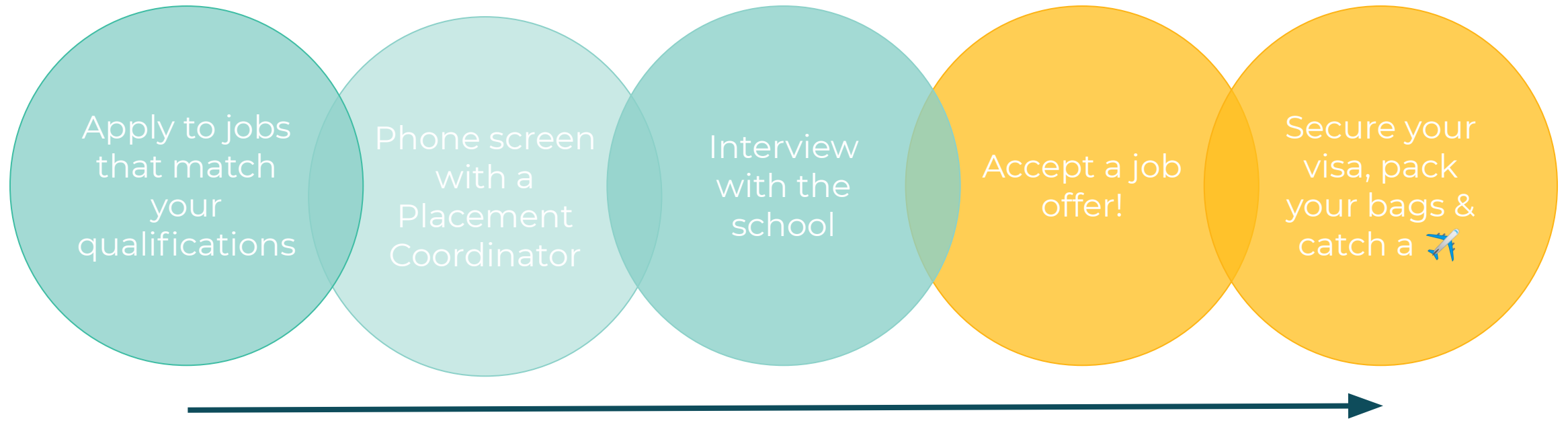
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# We connect employers and job seekers





# The application process



At Teach Away, the application process is simple. Our job board makes things easy.

# Creating your teacher profile

To create your teacher profile:

1. Visit Teach Away
2. [Register](#) for a **free** teacher account
3. Complete your profile
4. Browse ESL teaching jobs
5. Hit **apply!**



# How to earn your TEFL certificate



# Why get TEFL certified?



You need it to teach English\*



You will land a teaching job faster



It gives you the skills to teach ELLs

\*For most online teaching jobs and in most countries, if you are not a teacher or don't have any teaching experience.

# What will I learn in a TEFL course?

**With a TEFL, you'll learn how to:**

- Teach English language skills
- Simplify English grammar
- Plan a lesson
- Manage a classroom
- Create effective learning materials



# How do I choose a TEFL course?

**The most important choice you'll make is choosing your TEFL course provider.**

**Be sure to choose a company or school that is reputable and knows about global teaching!**

Choose a course that is:

- Taught or designed by educators and/or experts in international education
- Well-reviewed by other students
- 120+ hours long – and be sure this appears on your certificate!
- Between \$750 and \$1,500 - anything that sounds too good to be true, is just that

# TEFL versus TESL versus TESOL

## TEFL

### Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Concentrates on learning the skills needed to teach English to students living in a country where English is not the native language.

## TESL

### Teaching English as a Second Language

Suited for teachers who plan to teach English in a country where English *is* the native language.

## TESOL

### Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Used for domestic and foreign teaching, though it is a term often misused.

# TEFL Certification from Teach Away

Earn a TEFL certificate  
crafted by industry  
experts



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# Teach Away TEFL courses

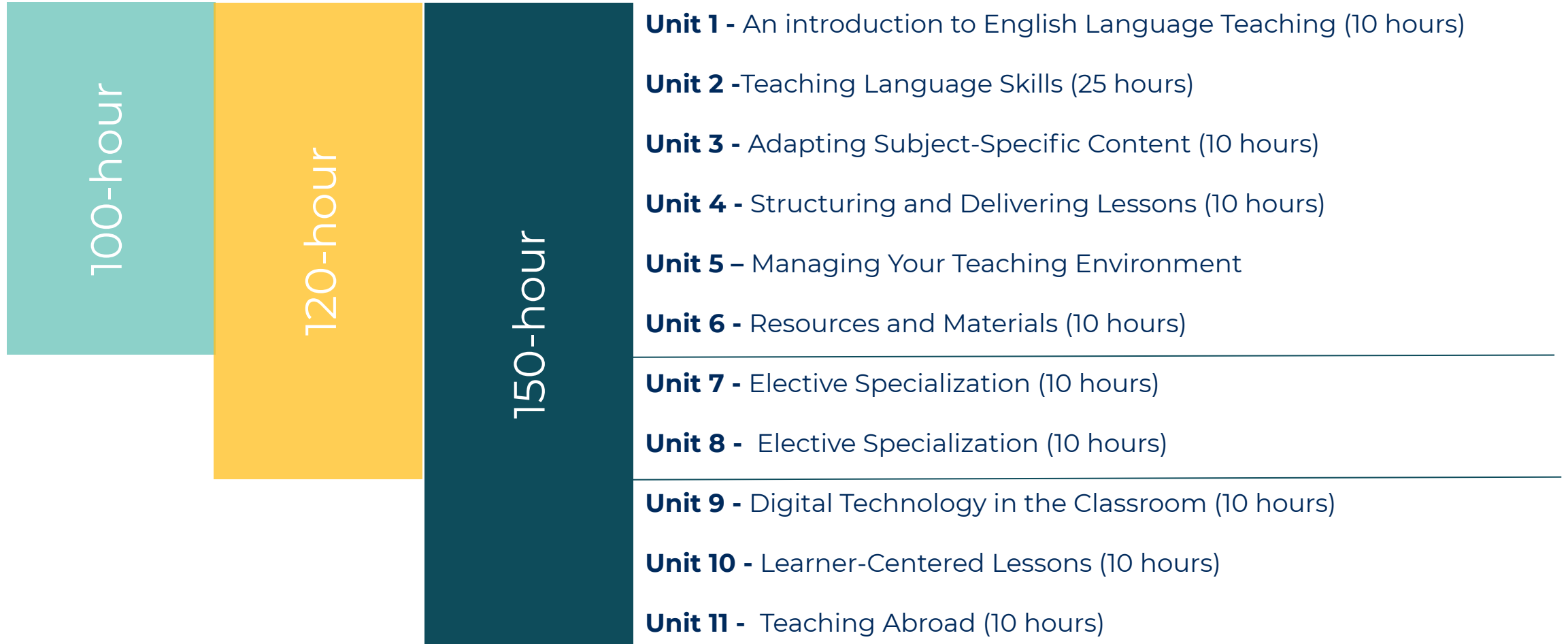
- **100% online and self-paced**
  - Get TEFL certified from anywhere in the world, at a pace that fits your schedule.
- **Complete your course in as little as 6 weeks**
  - The average completion time is 6-12 weeks with 1-2 hours of daily work.
- **No prerequisites**
  - Enroll at anytime, whether you're in school or a recent graduate.
- **Reputable providers**
  - Learn from industry experts in education and cultural exchange.



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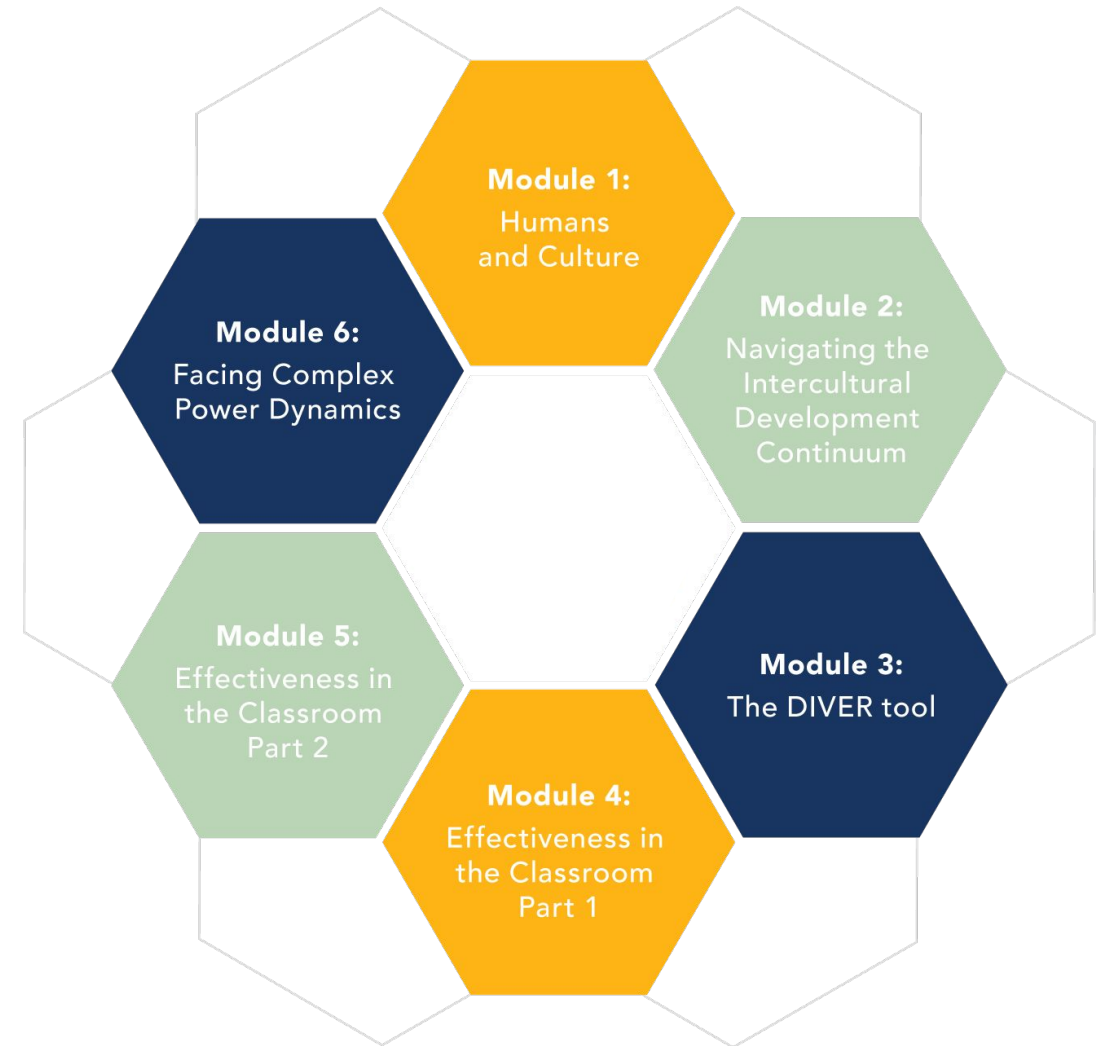


# The OISE TEFL course options



# International House curriculum breakdown

The **International Teaching and Global Effectiveness** unit, which comprises the final 20-hours of the 120-hour TEFL course, introduces learners to the fundamentals of effectively navigating life both inside and outside the classroom in a new culture.



# Steps to teaching English online or abroad

## Initial research:

Learn more about the country or company and the basic requirements.

1. Earn your TEFL certificate
2. Create a Teach Away teacher account
3. Apply for teaching jobs
4. Accept a job offer
5. Start earning money!



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