

CENTRE FOCUS

Via Lingua

Via Lingua TEFL Certificate courses are offered as regular intensive four-week courses at various locations around the world. They are provided throughout the year and enable graduates to gain the necessary certification to allow them to teach English as a foreign language in a wide variety of international settings. Part-time courses are offered at some of the Via Lingua centers, as well. All Via Lingua TEFL courses and associated and cultural programs are underpinned by a commitment to:

- cutting-edge research in relation to TEFL pedagogy
- the development of life-long learning skills
- cultural exchange
- the development of transferable skills
- the enhancement of life skills
- the development of individualized study programs
- the celebration of talents and achievements
- the encouragement of personal choice and responsibility



The Via Lingua TEFL Certificate Course is accredited by the College of Teachers and moderated by the English Language Teaching (ELT) Institute, Hunter College, City University of New York. In addition, all Via Lingua graduates receive nine graduate credits

towards a Master's degree in Education, offered through NOVA Southeastern University, Florida. Quality Assurance arrangements also rely on the work of the International Advisory Board, which brings together a group of outstanding professional educators who are leaders in the field of international education.

The Via Lingua program focuses on five key aspects which support the development of a successful language teacher:

- Pedagogy theory
- Language awareness
- Teaching skills
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness

The course provides a minimum of 120 hours of tuition, including eight academic hours of supervised and supported teaching experience with genuine non-native speakers of English. Trainees are provided with targeted tuition, mentoring, support and advice from experienced and well-qualified practitioners.

By the end of the program, successful graduates are able to:

- Teach English in a wide range of international locations
- Engage effectively with people from a variety of cultural experiences and backgrounds
- Assess the individual and group needs of students
- Plan and deliver lessons for students from a variety of age groups
- Plan and deliver lessons for students at different levels of English language competence
- Demonstrate and explain aspects of English grammar and phonology
- Make informed choices about teaching materials
- Design and develop their own teaching materials

- Design formative and summative assessment activities to evaluate student progress
- Engage students in the process self assessment
- Reflect on their own practice and manage your own professional development needs
- Demonstrate to potential employers that they have reached a high standard in relation to teaching skills, pedagogy theory, language awareness, life skills and cultural awareness
- Meet the expectations of students and employers

Assessment is based on the trainee's ability to demonstrate his / her competence in relation to a set of standardized statements, linked to the five areas of study.



Although it is impossible for Via Lingua to offer an ironclad guarantee of employment for all its graduates, there is a commitment to providing an advisory service, which almost always leads to the employment of graduates within a few weeks of completing the course. Eighty per cent of those trainees who begin their job-search during the course have an offer of employment before the end of the course.

With offices and branches in numerous countries worldwide, Via Lingua is able to provide opportunities for study in a wide range of fascinating locations, including Florence (Italy), Sardinia (Italy), Istanbul (Turkey), Budapest (Hungary), St. Petersburg (Russia), Crete (Greece), Porto (Portugal), Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), Ciudad-Guzman (Mexico), Arequipa (Peru), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Santiago (Chile), New York (USA), Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Pattaya (Thailand) and Phnom Penh (Cambodia). Further details of these locations can be found on the dedicated website at www.vialingua.org.

The advantages of such an extensive global network are twofold: firstly, it offers students the opportunity to choose a course in a location, which suits their individual requirements. Secondly, it enables Via Lingua to develop an ever-increasing network of global contacts with schools and training establishments, which support the organization's ability to help secure teaching positions for Via Lingua graduates.

Well over 4,000 students have graduated with via Lingua in the past twelve years and have moved successfully into the world of teaching English as a foreign language.

