

Use casual dialogue to teach English to college students and help them to improve, while getting to know more about them and their own unique culture.

Work with students your own age in the sunny beach town of Phan Thiet, who will be happy to meet and learn from you! As a native speaker or one with advanced level English, you will help students improve vocabulary, pronunciation and sentence building structure, as they practice with the use of basic, yet fun conversations.

Culture
Learning
Leisure
Community Engagement
Physical Demand

Program Description

You will have an opportunity to teach English to students who attend the local university in Phan Thiet, which is a fishing village in southern Vietnam. The students you will work with range in age from 18-24 and are likely to be at a beginner level. Most are eager to improve their skills, since the importance of having knowledge of English is starting to grow. Your advanced language skills, diverse culture and clear pronunciations will be welcome here!

The main focus of your teaching will be to engage in introductory conversation and help them to improve their speaking ability. You will attend part of their normal English class for about 45 minutes as a guest-lecturer. The local staff will lay the foundation for grammar and basics. Your greatest contribution to the class will be helping them to formulate questions and answer them correctly, through the use of examples and leading them in conversation.

Vietnamese teachers will guide you in the process. One method is to invite you to write basic conversations on the board and practice the new material with the class. Another method is to have one-on-one conversations with a student in front of the class, which you regularly rotate. Since chatting is your main job there is very little preparation needed outside of the classroom. Your efforts will help students with their pronunciation and sentence building by relating real-life scenarios to the specific types of conversations that might surround them. You will regularly attend the classes and have maximum interaction with the students throughout the day.

At the beginner level, most topics of discussion include, age, hobbies, family and travel. You can share information about your culture, as you hear about theirs. As the students' levels gradually progress, so will the topics advance. Practicing dialogue with them, will help students overcome their shyness and fear of public speaking, as they build confidence to use their new English skills.

Vietnamese students are generally very excited to meet people from other countries and welcome you to explore all aspects of their culture with them. It is very possible that you'll have plenty of opportunities to spend evenings and free time on the weekends with some of the new friends you will make during your stay.

Program is suspended during Tet - school holiday of 1 month (normally mid Jan to mid Feb) Also, During May - Oct the Program will continue but, participants may be teaching at a more rural location in a local English Center whenever University placement is not available.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks):

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Aims & Objectives

- Help students improve their English language skills and employment opportunities
- Gain practical teaching experience, as you provide quality assistance to local staff
- Engage in an intercultural exchange, as you make new Vietnamese friends

Schedule

Monday

- Breakfast
- If this is your first week: Your first day eases you into the program and will be more introductory. In the morning you will be shown around the school and facilities, as you meet teachers and students you will be briefed on your role and tasks. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn what you are comfortable with and how you can best assist the teaching staff. Students will also be able to ask you questions about yourself and maybe share some of the Vietnamese way of life with you too.
- Lunch
- Meet other classes and staff
- Dinner

Tuesday to Friday

- Breakfast
- Two classes of approximately 45 minutes each.
- Lunch
- Free time for relaxation or going to the beach
- Two classes of approximately 45 minutes each
- Dinner
- Free time

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age: 15
Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Advanced CRB required: On Signup

Passport copy required:NoResume copy required:NoRequired qualification:None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

Additional Equipment

Required

- Closed toed shoes (no flip flops allowed)
- Modest clothing shoulders covered, long pants or skirts over the knees, on campus

Optional

- Ball
- You are more than welcome to bring teaching materials/resources for your class such as:
- Interesting board games
- Books/Comics
- Musical instruments
- Worksheets
- Cultural items of interest
- And anything else you think will help!