



Training and Placement Program



Information Pack 2017

Introduction

Our vision at GoTEFL is to provide a smooth entry into the world of TEFL here in Thailand, so that you can focus on getting the most out of this exciting experience with effective teaching for the benefit of your students. Our goal is to provide a comfortable and seamless process for those wishing to enter the TEFL world, including the training, orientation and placement.

GoTEFL is a division of UniTraining International, in collaboration with a large recruitment company, established as a complete TEFL training and recruitment solution in Thailand.

UniTraining has been running TEFL courses under the UniTEFL brand since 2010, using an experienced team and curriculum that is accredited by TEFL International under supervision from the TESOL course faculty at Fort Hays University in Kansas, USA.

We are partnered with a well-established placement agency who has a track record of professionalism, treating their employees well and paying reliably and fairly.

At GoTEFL we strive to professionally manage the training and placement of new English teachers in jobs in Thailand and around the globe.

From our offices in Chiang Mai and Bangkok, our expert team handles the complete process. We are committed to providing professional training for our recruits as well as mentoring them in their work place. Nearly 300 teachers are currently employed, supported by large instruction and administration teams.

Please continue through this detailed Information Pack for more information about the course, benefits, and what separates us from any other TEFL course out there.



How does it work?

Following the interview process and acceptance to our program, we will help prepare for your arrival. We provide airport to hotel transfer, accommodation throughout the course, and a fully immersive course with 6 teaching practicals included - all for the low cost of \$1,200. \$600 of the full cost is subsidized by the placement agency you will be teaching with, and

you are getting all this including a guaranteed job and peace-of-mind for an unbeatable price. Please see below for details about what separates GoTEFL from the rest:

6 Teaching Practicals

There are many TEFL courses out there in Thailand and around the world. However, we offer our students a unique chance to **actually teach** 6 full-length classes in a **real** Thai school with **actual** Thai students. There are few TEFL courses out there that offer this. You will learn how to teach a class start to finish, and then practice these techniques 6 times in a Thai classroom. After all, the best way to learn is by putting your knowledge to practice, which is why our students are highly praised for being more prepared than most first-time ESL teachers.



Subsidy

The cost of the course is \$1,800. However, with GoTEFL, the agency we have partnered with generously subsidizes \$600 of the cost for students who chose our TAP program. This means that you will have a lower up-front cost of only \$1,200 for the whole package, in addition to a guaranteed job for at least 4 months. This is because our partner truly believes in investing in our GoTEFL students, as they are highly trained in the world of TEFL and end up becoming some of their best teachers on staff. And the recruiter does not charge any additional service fee, other than a slightly lower salary for the first 4 months due to the subsidy.

Instant Family of Close Friends

One of the greatest benefits of the TAP program is that you will find a great support system and form strong bonds with your fellow classmates. You will participate in class all day, study/practice lesson planning together, and hang out at night or on weekends with this diverse group of people from around the world. We place all of our teachers in schools in the same general area of Thailand. That way, you will have a tight-knit



GoTEFL friends exploring Chiang Mai together

group of friends throughout the semester, with many of them being close-by or even in the same school! Many of our alumni stay close friends well after they have gone their separate ways around Thailand and the world!

Guaranteed Job Placement

Perhaps one of the most important benefits of the TAP program is that you have a guaranteed job waiting for you as soon as you confirm your place in the course. After interviewing with the placement agency, they will choose a placement that is the best fit for you and present two options to you during the course. At that time, you will decide yourself or with your new-found friends where you want to spend the duration of the 4-month long semester.

Well-Rounded Support

Before the course starts, you will have direct contact with GoTEFL staff so that you can clear up any questions or concerns you have before arriving. During the course, the staff has been praised for going above and beyond to assist our students with any questions they have. Following the course, the agency provides you with a dedicated team of consultants who will help you every step of the way as you navigate your way through life in Thailand. You can trust that you are in good hands with us.

Teaching and Living in Thailand

As mentioned previously, we are partnered with a placement agency called MediaKids Academy. The great thing about GoTEFL is that you have a guaranteed job with MediaKids Academy even before you arrive to Thailand. After confirmation, their staff will work diligently to find a suitable placement for you and prepare visa documents, accommodation, etc. so that your transition into teaching life runs smoothly.

About MediaKids

MediaKids Academy is one of the largest placement companies in Thailand, offering jobs in different areas around Thailand. They do not charge for their services. Their assistance throughout the time you are working with them and the guaranteed placement are free of charge! MediaKids Academy has been operating for over 16 years now with nearly 300 teachers in over 70 schools around Thailand. They have a full staff of expert consultants who will be with you every step of the way.

By joining GoTEFL, you will also experience the following list of amazing benefits provided by MediaKids:

- **Salary starting from 28,000 per month (with TAP subsidy)**
- **An accommodation allowance of 3,000 THB is provided throughout the contract**
- **Semester-to-semester contract**
- **Contract renewal bonuses and opportunities for raises**
- **Provided documents and reimbursement for Non B visa**
- **Full coverage of Work Permit fee**
- **English speaking Thai consultants offering 24/7 assistance**
- **Provided curriculum and consultant assistance**
- **Free Orientation Course (Thai language, culture, school system, visas and more)**
- **Free accident insurance**

You will have a chance to speak with one of our MediaKids recruiters during the interview process, in case you have any more questions about the company, their benefits, and teaching in Thailand.



MediaKids Academy staff at the October 2016 Orientation Course

So Why Thailand?

We often find ourselves caught up in the fast-paced life, stressed out with daily woes, and worried about life's trials and tribulations. In Thailand, however, you will experience nearly the opposite. For example, Thailand can be best described by three phrases which are spoken in conversation extremely often:

- “Mai bpen rai” = no worries / no problem
- “Jai yen yen” = cool heart / keep calm
- “Alai godai”= anything is ok / doesn’t matter

In addition to the lifestyle, you will instantly love Thai people in general. They are always smiling, genuinely care about your well-being, and go above and beyond to make you feel comfortable. Thai food has been praised as one of the best cuisines in the world, and there is so much natural beauty in Thailand for you to explore. Whether you’re looking for a bit of a break from the fast-pace life of your home country, adventure, an immersive cultural experience, or a complete lifestyle change – Thailand is the place for you!

The Students

Thai kids are treasured in Thai culture. In fact the entire country, however old, displays a wonderful childlike, carefree innocence. They expect learning to be fun and will appreciate a sense of humor from their teacher. Students here are highly respectful of their teachers and obedient, but playful, in the classroom. If you’re looking for an excuse to spend your days filled with fun activities and humorous children - Thailand is for you!



Photo credit: Gina Serra (GoTEFL alum)

About Esan

GoTEFL teachers are placed in the area of Thailand called Esan. This is the northeastern part of the country that's unlike the busy Bangkok life. Esan is rich in authentic Thai culture, and you'll enjoy all that Thailand has to offer. You will be placed with or near your GoTEFL peers, so you will have instant friends you can explore the area with. Here's just a quick list of benefits of living in rural Thailand vs. big-city life:

- Remarkably cheaper cost of living, allowing you to save for travels and vacations during and between semesters
- Authentic legacy of traditions, rituals, music, dance, and architecture

- Natural and picturesque beauty of the lush surroundings
- Fun-loving, easy-going, and hospitable locals
- Becoming somewhat of a local celebrity in your town
- Healthier and, arguably, tastier version of classic Thai cuisine
- Becoming a key member of the community, loved and cherished by all



Traditional Thai meal. Photo credit: Laila Oskouie
(GoTEFL alum)



Esan scenery. Photo credit: Jonathan Macias
(English Camp MC)

Loi Krathong Festival

You're in luck! You will be joining the course at the perfect time. The world-famous Loi Krathong Festival will be happening in Thailand on the evening of the full moon in November. Loi Krathong originates from an older tradition of paying respect to the water spirits. People will make small floats, from natural materials, which are then released into a body of water. People will often make a wish as they release their float, or "Krathong". People also release fire lanterns, to fill the night sky of one of Thailand's most beautiful festivals.



I Want To Join! So What's Next?

Unbeatable Cost

Get more for less with the TAP Program! As mentioned before, this is a subsidized program, meaning you have a much lower upfront cost for this high quality course compared to other TEFL courses worldwide. What do you get with the \$1,200 fee?

Applying with a friend? Why not share a room and save \$100 each!

	GoTEFL TAP	HyBrid
4 Week In-Class Course	✓	-
120 Hour Online Course	-	✓
Teaching Practicals	✓	✓
Accommodation	✓	✓
Weekend Excursions	✓	-
Airport To Hotel Transfer	✓	✓
Guaranteed Job Placement	✓	✓
Thai SIM-Card	✓	-
Subsidized Cost	✓	-
TEFL International Certification	✓	✓
Price	\$1,200 ^[a]	\$1,350

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Criteria

In order to join the GoTEFL TAP program or the HyBrid, you are required to be:

- Preferably between the ages of 21 – 45
- A University degree holder (Bachelor's or higher)
- A fluent speaker of English
- Able to commit to a 4-month teaching contract (with option to renew every semester)
- Available to arrive in Thailand for training March/April or September/October (the Thai schools terms begin May and November)

*** If you do not fit one or more of our criteria for the GoTEFL TAP program – Don't worry! We have other courses under our parent company, UniTEFL, which you can join instead. Please email us for more information.

How Do I Apply?

If you fit the above criteria, start the application by emailing contact@goteflthailand.com with the following information:

- A short video introducing yourself and stating why you would like to join the GoTEFL program to teach in Thailand; this can be sent as an attachment or a URL link
- Resume/CV (including age, qualifications, and experience)
- A copy of your university degree
- A copy of your university transcripts
- A copy of your passport ID page
- 2 recent photos: one professional and one informal

Come and experience all that Thailand has to offer! Join the GoTEFL TAP Program.



Thank you
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