

GO TEFL

THAILAND

Teacher Training & Placements

Information Pack 2020





Introduction

GoTEFL is a branch of UniTraining International, which has been operating since 2010. Since it began, UniTraining International has been running courses under a branch called UniTEFL and has become known throughout Thailand and internationally for producing professional, knowledgeable and confident teachers. In 2014, UniTraining International began working with MediaKids Academy, one of the largest placement companies in Thailand. In partnership, the GoTEFL branch was opened to provide a smooth and supported entry into the world of TEFL.

Since then, the GoTEFL branch has expanded and now offers main training and placement programs;

1. In-Class (120 hours)

These programs run twice per year; March, April, May and September/October, in line with Thai School semesters.

Due to requirements set by the partnering schools and Thai immigration laws, the current requirements for the GoTEFL programs are:

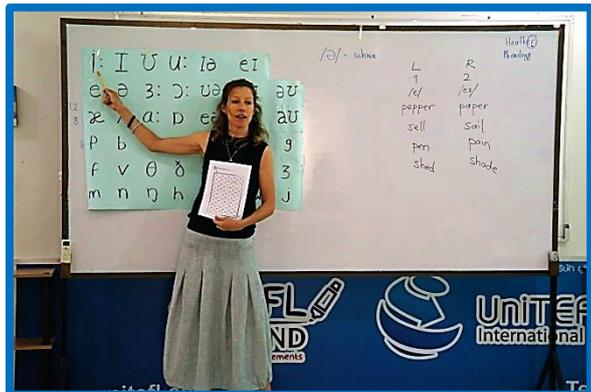
- 1. Native English speaker** (*Europeans may be accepted on a case-by-case basis*)
- 2. Degree holder** (*must be a full bachelor's, or higher*)
- 3. Aged 21 – 50 years old** (*Over 50 may be accepted on a case-by-case basis*)

Completion of this course will enable you to become internationally recognized as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher and will give you the confidence, ability and tools to walk into any ESL classroom and teach effectively.

Please continue through this pack for more information about TEFL, the training, the placement and Thailand.

What is TEFL?

TEFL is an acronym for Teaching English as a Foreign Language. Being TEFL certified is a powerful qualification that provides so many opportunities for teaching all over the world. Many countries require ESL teachers to have a TEFL certification, some countries prefer TEFL qualified candidates, but do not require it (although you can usually receive a higher salary with TEFL).



Being TEFL certified is a great addition to your résumé, but it's so much more than just another qualification. Having a TEFL allows you to learn more about classroom management, activities, lesson planning, encouragement and structure. TEFL is a great opportunity for people that have a degree in any field to learn more about teaching,

even those that are qualified teachers in their home-countries usually learn so much, as they find ESL teaching to be very different from their regular style of teaching. While any form of teaching will have a number of similarities, ESL teaching requires different methods, styles and approaches. A TEFL certification can be your passport to travel the world.

GoTEFL Training and Placement Program

The GoTEFL program has been running since 2014, training and placing teachers all over Thailand. The aim of the program is to provide candidates with high-quality training with a guaranteed, one-semester placement. All-in-all, the GoTEFL Program is a 5-6 month commitment, and is an excellent opportunity for first-time teachers to start their TEFL journey in a safe and supported environment.

In-Class Training

The in-class training is our most popular option, this hands-on training allows you to study interactively, build your confidence in a group setting and receive more personable training. The course will focus on helping you to understand how your students will



feel when hearing a foreign language, how to manage your classroom, the steps to follow when conducting your lesson, various different activities, and Thai culture. The in-class training is designed to assist with cultural immersion to ensure that you are fully prepared not only in the classroom, but also in the community.

4 Teaching Practicums

We offer our students the unique opportunity to teach 6 full-length classes in a real Thai school with actual Thai students. During the training you will learn how to teach a class from start to finish. When you do the teaching practicums you will be given the chance to practice these techniques 4 times in an authentic environment. After all, the best way to learn is by putting your knowledge into practice, which is why our trainees are highly praised for being more prepared than most first-time teachers.



Subsidy

The in-class training is subsidized by MediaKids Academy. The full cost of the package is \$1,800, however MediaKids Academy generously subsidizes \$1,300. This leaves you with an upfront cost of only \$500 for the whole program. The subsidy amount is then deducted from your monthly salary for your first semester teaching with MediaKids Academy. If you choose to renew with MediaKids Academy for a second semester, you will receive full salary as your subsidy will have already been repaid.

Guaranteed Job Placement



One of the most important benefits of doing the GoTEFL program is the guaranteed job placement, waiting for you upon completion of the course. This is because MediaKids Academy truly believes in investing in our GoTEFL students, as they are highly trained and end up becoming their best teachers on staff. Prior to joining the GoTEFL program you will have an interview with our placement coordinator, at this time we will gather all the information from you about your preferences and find a placement that is the best match for you.

Support

Prior to your arrival in Thailand, we will provide you all of the information that you need know, we are also available via email and happy to Skype if you require additional support. Once you arrive in Thailand, our staff has been praised for going above and beyond to assist our students. Upon completion of the training, you will have great support from MediaKids Academy, they will provide you with a dedicated team of English-speaking consultants to help you every step of the way. We understand that adapting to a new culture is challenging, a number of our office staff are native-English speakers and have experienced this transition first hand, so we really understand your concerns and are willing to help as much as we can. You can trust that you are in good hands with us.

In addition to the support from our staff, our in-class trainees tend to form close bonds with their fellow classmates. During the training you will be with each other, studying, lesson planning and during your free time. These newfound friendships tend to last after the training is complete and even after you leave Thailand, as you all shared a unique experience together.



Online Training

For those that would rather not join the in-class training, it is possible to join our partner online course; you will study the bulk of your training online, communicating with your trainer electronically. In addition to studying the theory online, you will join the 4 teaching practicums. The online training is not subsidized; however you will still receive the guaranteed job placement.

MediaKids Academy

As mentioned previously, we are partnered with a placement agency called MediaKids Academy. After confirmation to the program, our staff will work diligently to find a suitable placement for you, prepare your visa documents, accommodation, curriculum and much more, so that your transition into teaching, and a new culture, runs smoothly.

Company History

MediaKids Academy is one of the biggest placement companies in Thailand, offering positions in many different provinces. MediaKids Academy was founded with the dream to provide opportunities for students to interact with English-speakers from different countries, this is something that is still valued highly by the CEO, and therefore



most of the positions are in non-tourist areas. They do not charge for their placement services. MediaKids Academy has been operating for over 16 years now, with nearly 300 teachers in over 70 schools throughout the country. In recent years, the company has grown considerably, as has the quality of their service, resources and benefits.

Benefits

By joining GoTEFL, you will receive the following benefits:

- ✓ Salary starting from
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- ✓ An accommodation allowance of 3,000 baht per month (approximately \$90). In most cases this will be enough to cover a comfortable accommodation
- ✓ One semester guaranteed placement, with the option to renew
- ✓ Renewal bonuses and opportunities for increased salary
- ✓ Provided documents for visa and reimbursement for Non-immigrant B visa
- ✓ Full coverage of work permit fee
- ✓ English-speaking Thai consultants, offering assistance and support
- ✓ Provided curriculum and assistance from designated curriculum consultant
- ✓ Orientation course in Bangkok/Pathum Thani (Thai language, culture, school system, visas and more)
- ✓ Accident insurance
- ✓ ATM card assistance and free Thai SIM card

During the interview process, you will have a chance to discuss the benefits and ask any questions that you may have.

Students



In Thailand, children are treasured. From a young age, children are taught to respect those that are older than them, and in return they are given a great deal of respect. Generally, the whole country displays a wonderful childlike, carefree innocence. They expect learning to be fun and will appreciate a sense of humor from their teacher. Most of our teachers have found that the students tend to mirror the attitude of their teacher, if the teacher is confident and

energetic; the students tend to be the same.

We have a number of different placement options available, ranging from kindergarten (4 years old) right through to high school (18 years old), so we can try our best to match you with your preferred age group.

Locations

MediaKids Academy has positions available throughout the country, mostly in the north-east (this area is known as Esan), north, and central areas. Of these locations, the Esan area holds our largest number of positions and it is by far the most budget-friendly location. When compared to the other areas in Thailand, Esan stands out as the place where culture is a lived experience as you will be a more integrated part of the community.

We offer positions in rural villages, small towns, large towns and cities; we try our best to match your preferences.



Life in Thailand

Known as *'The Land of Smiles'*, Thailand is well-known for having a relaxing and joyful atmosphere. Thai people tend to be friendly and approachable, and the chance of encountering violent crime is low, especially towards foreigners.

Lifestyle

Thailand provides a wonderful escape from the fast-paced life and daily stress. Thailand can be best described by three phases that are spoken often in Thai conversation:

1. **“Mai bpen rai”** = No problem / No worries
2. **“Jai yen yen”** = Keep calm / Cool heart
3. **“Alai godai”** = Doesn't matter / Anything is okay



This is the attitude of most Thai people; they tend to be very relaxed and laidback. As mentioned previously, Thailand is often referred to as ‘The Land of Smiles’ and you’ll discover that Thai people, especially those in Esan, are very friendly towards foreigners and try to make them feel welcome and respected. Teachers in Thailand are regarded highly in the community, and you’ll find that you become well-known in your placement area and become something of a local celebrity.

Cost of Living

Thailand is famous for having a low cost of living. Accommodation, food and travel costs are very cheap compared to other countries. All areas in Thailand generally have a low living cost; however, we recommend the Esan area as the cost of living is remarkably cheaper than central and northern areas. This will allow you to save a lot of money each month, something that we recommend especially for those that will have the subsidy. You can pick up delicious meals for \$1-1.5, comfortable accommodation is about \$90 per month, travelling across the country should cost no more than \$30 (usually much less).

Travel



Travelling around Thailand is easy and affordable. Thailand has a number of airports across the country with affordable, daily domestic flights. Thailand’s bus system is the most popular mode of transport, with VIP buses providing plenty of legroom, personal TVs, comfortable seating and air conditioning. The cost of travel for buses in Thailand is inexpensive and great value for money. There are also train stations across the country, providing an alternate method of transportation.

Dates and Fees

By joining our in-class or online courses, you will receive high-quality training for a great valued price. Our GoTEFL packages include a lot of additional benefits; this is to help ensure that you really get the most out of your experience here.

Packages

	In-Class
In-Class Training	✓
Online Training	-
4 Teaching Practicums	✓
UniTEFL International Certification	✓
TEFL International Certification	+ \$150 (option)
Accommodation	✓
Weekend Excursion	✓
Guaranteed Job Placement (1 Semester)	✓
Thai SIM-Card	✓
\$1300 Subsidy	✓
Price	\$1,800 \$500*

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

Course Dates

16th March – 10th April 2020 + 1 semester contract

20th April – 15th May 2020 + 1 semester contract

18th May – 12th June 2020 + 1 semester contract

15th June – 10th July 2020 + 1 semester contract

If you are unavailable during these dates, please contact us for more information.

How to Join?

In order to join the GoTEFL program, you should meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Aged between 21 – 50 years old*
- ✓ A university degree holder (bachelor's or higher)
- ✓ A native English speaker**
- ✓ Able to fulfill a 4-5-month commitment
- ✓ Available to arrive in Thailand March/April or September/October

* We may be able to accept over 50 years old on a case-by-case basis

** We may be able to accept European non-native English speakers on a case-by-case basis

If you do not fit one or more of the above criteria, we have alternative options please contact us for more information.

To start the application process for the GoTEFL program, please email the following information to contact@goteflthailand.com:

- 1. a short video introducing yourself, stating why you would like to join the GoTEFL TAP program. This can be sent as an attachment or URL link.**
- 2. Résumé/CV (including age, qualifications, experience)**
- 3. a copy of your university degree**
- 4. a copy of your university transcripts**
- 5. a copy of your passport ID page**
- 6. 2 recent photos; one professional and one informal**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Join GoTEFL today!



**Thank you
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