My Great Experience in TESOL program

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My experience of learning English was from Kyoung Sook Lee. She really encouraged me to start to learn English even though I knew less than my classmates. When I first thought that I wanted to teach English, encouraging students is most important. Also, I put priority on understanding students. 10 years later, I am learning how to teach English in TESOL. I learned from TESOL program that getting attention from students and encouraging students to have communication in English is most important in class. Of course, I have to understand students and encourage. But I need to have students’ attention with fun class. If the class is not interesting, they barely participate in class. If the activity is encouraging students to have communication, they would feel bored. Every time I plan Micro-teaching and I get feedback from my instructor, I learned that fun and communication is most important in class. I realized that simply encouraging students with good words is not enough. I am glad to learn what to consider when I plan class and how to care for students.

After I finished 2 Microteaching and Lead In, I realized that activity is important. I thought that conveying good knowledge is a good class. So I thought that I have to know more of English. I believed that I would be a good teacher if I know a lot about English. So I memorized a lot of vocabularies and studied grammar. But it was not enough for teaching English. For lead In, I will open myself by telling my story to students and give students to time to be ready for class. I can attract students by telling my story. If I open first, students will open by themselves. Then I will use visual aid, such as wall chart or short video clip. For my grammar Micro-teaching, I used pictures. I drew some funny situation pictures. They were curious on my pictures. Also, I learned from my peer instructors’ Micro-teaching that worksheet is helpful. Students can practice with worksheet. In the future, I will use visual aids actively. It is easy to attract students’ attention with visual aids. Pictures that I used as a visual aid in grammar Micro-teaching were effective to students to practice.

After I finish TESOL program, I will be a teacher to give students hope and teach in effective way. I want to make the class comfortable for all students. Also, both students and teacher are responsible for class. So I will respect students and have empathy and authenticity. Furthermore, I will make class interesting and I will encourage students to participate actively. I will encourage students to have more communication each other. TESOL program really help me to grow. I didn’t know how to start class, so I threw many questions to students for starting. I didn’t know how to get students’ attention, so I just deliver knowledge to students. I didn’t know how to manage time, so I kept watching a clock in class. I didn’t know how to facilitate students, so I gave students feedback quietly, not openly. From TESOL program, I learned how to plan class, how to manage class, and how to facilitate students. TESOL program really taught me to become good teacher. I will keep in mind and practice what I learned in TESOL program. It will help me to teach students in effective and professional way.