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The Reason for Doing TESOL

Learning and teaching are two different things. Learning is basically a process of getting information through reading, listening, and writing. On the other hand, teaching is a process of encouraging people to gain new information. Being a student for more than 10 years, I have just listened to the instructors and followed what they told me to do so. However, as time goes on, I have started to face the moments when I need to be the one who needs to teach new information to other people lacking the knowledge that I have. In other words, the time for me to use my teaching skills have started to come. Even though I am not perfectly sure whether or not I will work in the field of teaching English, doing TESOL will definitely give me benefits of advancing my teaching skills in general that further helps me develop my ability to deliver important messages in English to other people with confidence.

As an international student, I have been using English as my second language for a few years. However, using English as a student has only helped me learn new materials when I learned different subjects. In other words, I have always used English to take classes and live in the foreign countries. Nevertheless, since I have become a college student, I have started used English in a different way. Unlike in high school, I needed to use English as a teaching tool that allows me to deliver new information to other people learning new stuffs. For example, in college, there were many student discussion sessions and presentations where each student had to lead the class by explaining the topic that he or she studied for. I actually struggled in leading the class. Though there were information in my head, I just did not know how to deliver theses knowledge. I initially thought that my English level was the problem, but I realized that it was not just due to my English level but my teaching skills.

Though I am a science major and have mostly dealt with topics related to life science, delivering information from one to another is actually based on the teaching skills. In addition, even though taking a course of TESOL is a process of being a teacher of English to speakers of other language, it will help me realize the meaning of teaching and the effective methods of teaching new information to other people. Furthermore, since teaching is also based upon the oral skills, I will get to develop my speaking skills so that I can deliver what I already know to other people with clear and loud voice tone. After I complete the course of TESOL, I not only can teach people with clear voice tone, but I also can speak with confidence in front of the people by delivering them clear messages in English.

Teaching does not only happen inside of the class, it can happen anywhere in our lives. It can happen when we communicate with one another in our lives. Therefore, it is a good idea for people to expect that teaching may happen anywhere in anytime and TESOL can be a good assistant that help them get the concept of teaching and what they need to prepare prior to teaching. By the time I finish taking the course of TESOL, I wish I could be the one who is ready to teach with creative teaching methods.