Module 1 Essay

My Life As A TESOL Certified English Communication Facilitator

I started this TESOL course with little expectations. My main goal was to gain certification for my English abilities, and a little part of me wanted a more clear view into teaching English. I was really unsure if I could excel in teaching or not. However, it has been more than that, time has flown by during taking this course, and I already am staring at the end of it. I hope to continue improving myself in the future as well. There are so many things to learn about, so much more things to experience. I hope that every new page that I add to the book of my life will be as pleasant and enjoyable as the one I have had for the last few weeks.

In the near future, I wish to gain more opportunities in teaching by using my TESOL certificate. I do not have high hopes, I will have to search very hard and fight for the job I want, but it is something that TESOL has given me. It has opened up better roads for me. I have gained more confidence about my teaching skills than I expected to gain by taking this course. In addition to this confidence I have grown much more will to continuously strive for learning and improving myself in teaching English. I have started a tutoring job. I will try to use what I have learned in TESOL and infuse them with the skills I already had under my belt. I will have fun and try to talk a lot with my new student, luckily he has fine English skills to begin with, I will just have to give him a little push. I am sure I will make errors during my teachings, but I have no doubt that I will keep improving myself. I just have to become a better person than the person I was before. While doing this tutoring and trying to gain more students; I will try to find a regular job as well.

Looking into the farther future, I do not have a concrete plan yet. There are only some vague goals to achieve over time, and some will change during that time as well. First, I will try to gain some jobs, as well as keep studying and researching better ways of teaching. While reading and mastering many lesson plans, I also will try to keep in touch with the teachers that I learned with, as well as trying to expand my link wider. I have so much to invaluable things to learn from other teacher's experiences. I also might try to get a higher degree of education after gaining monetary stability. Achieving masters or doctorate might help in my long-kept dream of teaching good classes in universities or colleges. It was and might still be hard to find fun and educative class in the universities of Korea. I have thought many times that I could do this thing that those teachers were calling as class. I have dreamt that I might be able to lend a hand in changing this boring process that they call teaching. TESOL really has given me much hope about teaching in a fun way. In a few years into the future, I hope to have gained much more experience and confidence, and that I will have become a seasoned facilitator of English communication, who teaches a lot of students. I will also have to work on connecting with my students while getting more expertise in education. It is always better to have something in common that you can talk about.

Doing is better than not doing anything. Change is always better than stagnation. Do not be afraid of failure. No one has told me these things when I was growing up. I understand why there were not any teachers who told me these things. They did not have the luxury of time, or the leisure to think and consider about others. They were so busy with their lives that they did not even have much time for their students. It is very understandable, and it is not their responsibility, this is something for parents to do. However, I do not blame my parents either, they were busy, inexperienced and had much worries of their own to take care of; which was mostly keeping me fed, and clothes. I am very grateful for the such great care that my parents have provided for me. So, why couldn't the teachers have done this? Many of them see a lot of students, they are experienced in various fields over their lives, sharing this might be helpful to young students in finding their dreams. However we do not see many teachers who does this process; giving students hope and dreams.

That is why it is also my ambition, that if I can teach students, I want to have more influence on them than just make them better at English. I will be spending time with them, as well as speaking a lot with them. It might look like meddling in other people's business. But I have always imagined how my life would have been different, if I was able to dream a bit sooner. If I was able to set a goal a bit sooner, I believe that I must have become a better person than I am today. So I would like to be able to be a teacher that inspires my students as well as being a great educator.

TESOL has been of great help in realizing these dreams and setting me on a more clear path to my dreams. I really appreciate having made the decision to take this course, and also regret having not taken this course sooner, when I had considered taking it. But dwelling on the past has never been good for me. I must look forward and aim for higher things to achieve after this TESOL course has ended. I hope that these little dreams I have will make the world a better place.