

**TEACHING PROGRAMS | Discover ways to educate others without a teaching certification**

**Domestic Teaching Programs & Service Corps:**

- **Alternative Licensure Programs** ([search "alternative teaching licensure" and state location](#))  
If you want to become a professional teacher but don't have a Bachelor's degree in education, these are programs which prepare you professionally to obtain a state certification. States usually have their own pathways programs where other programs are run by nonprofits or schools.
- **Teaching Fellowship Programs** ([search "teaching fellowship programs" and state/city](#))  
In most states, there is an option for a fellows program, which is usually a rigorous alternative licensure program that places recent college graduates in high-need schools through their state. After a training period to learn the fundamentals of great teaching, fellows teach full-time earning a full teacher's salary. There may be options for graduate education or teaching certification as part of the program.
- **Teach for America** (<https://www.teachforamerica.org>)  
The national corps of outstanding recent college graduates, of all academic majors, who commit two years to teach in public schools in low-income communities.
- **AmeriCorps Programs** (<https://www.nationalservice.gov>)  
Through the Corporation for National & Community Service, there are numerous AmeriCorps programs geared toward teaching. Their programs connect caring, capable people with students who benefit from their time and personal attention.
- **National Association of Independent Schools** (<https://www.nais.org>)  
Provides career resources for potential teachers. Many independent schools will consider candidates with or without a formal teaching certification.

**Teaching Overseas:**

- **GoAbroad.com** (<http://www.goabroad.com>)  
Designed for students who want to travel internationally, GoAbroad works to create connections with organizations that provide international opportunities and has information on jobs (by country and job type), studying abroad, volunteering, interning, teaching, and TEFL.
- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships** (<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-awards/english-teaching-assistant-awards>)  
One-year positions available in Teaching Assistantships for countries such as Belgium & Luxembourg, France, Germany, Hungary, Korea, Turkey, Austria, and more. A Bachelor's degree may be required.
- **U.S. Peace Corps** (<https://www.peacecorps.gov>)  
One of the best-paid "volunteer" jobs: all expenses paid and extensive training for a 2-year assignment in one of over 90 countries including Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the Pacific Islands.

- **TEFL, TESL, or TESOL Programs** ([search “TEFL, TESL, or TESOL programs” and country](#))  
TEFL, TESL and TESOL are all certifications for teaching English to non-native English speakers. The differences lie in who (age group, region, etc) and where you want to teach. A TEFL certification provides the skills needed to teach English abroad in countries where students do not speak English as their first language and is the most widely recognized around the world. TESL is a qualification for teaching those whose first language is not English, but are currently living in a native-English speaking country. TESOL provides some flexibility in teaching overseas or in a native-English speaking country. Make sure the program is accredited, check out reviews and/or ask for references, and verify that the program will prepare you for the teaching placement you want.

## GENERAL TEACHING CAREER RESOURCES | Find helpful resources

- **American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)** (<https://www.americanboard.org>)  
The ABCTE is a non-partisan non-profit organization dedicated to recruiting, preparing, and certifying teachers. It provides an alternative route to teacher certification and it hosts free events and fairs for job seekers.
- **K-12 jobs.com** (<https://www.k12jobs.com>)  
Find current K-12 job positions available at public, private, vocational, and technical schools.