**Why I am taking this course of TESOL?**

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I am still asking myself why I am sitting on the desk for 8 hours on 8 straight weekends. Of course I am taking this course for my benefits. When I think back to my schooldays, I was not always a good student with the high records but I tried to become a good one to accommodate and please the teachers and classmates except for mathematic classes.

Experiencing the English teaching and being in a learning position as a student in the classroom is very rare opportunity in my age. It’s been almost 13 years since I was graduated from the college and started to work in the company as an office worker. Becoming a student is similar to the working in the office in some way and also very different in the other way. In the company there is always a team leader and the team always requires a lot of collaborations for the shared goal achievement. In the TESOL classroom, there are always pair and group works based on an individual work. These kinds of activities remind me the importance of individual and group performances in the corporate environment.

However, there is a significant difference between to work and to study. Being a student can only fail the pass or get a low score but the students can still share the learning experiences with other classmates and teachers. But in the company the reality is harsh. Your performance will be judged every second and if you get the bad feedback from your boss, you can be fired and may have no further chance to work in the company. Your co-worker is not only be your competitor but also a potential enemy. But in the classroom, basically every student helps each other but compete each other in the positive way.

I think to become a good teacher is very challenging even to the most prepared teacher. A good teacher requires a strong confidence in his/her lesson and tries to keep communicating to accommodating to students’ needs at their viewpoints. Those kinds of efforts to involve in student’s learning process can be very tedious and time consuming and even it requires not only the teacher’s own commitment and devotion but also it sometimes requires teacher’s own sacrifice with the strong work ethics.

After all, I am taking this TESOL course because I am thinking about the career change from working in the company to teaching English as the second language in a private academy or the government school. Of course the teacher as a profession will earn some money but the making money is not the point in the teaching. I want to have the experience in teaching and give some affect to someone’s learning process and help to change their life not only mine.