

# NAFSA EXPO

## Florence Welcomes TEFL International Tuscany

*'I examined syllabi, extensive and detailed program materials, and other relevant documentation. We feel that having students start their ESL teaching careers abroad with the training and supervision provided by TEFL International will make them excellent candidates for future employment and/or graduate study.'*

**Professor Sandra Silberstein,**  
PhD, Director, MATESOL Program  
University of Washington

*'I feel that I will emerge from the course not only with a qualification, but with valuable lesson preparation skills and teaching experience. I will, as a consequence, feel confident about embarking upon my TEFL career...'*

**Alex Seago**  
TEFL International graduate

*'I want to teach English abroad. They are showing me exactly how to make that a practical reality.'*

**Robin L. Christ**  
TEFL International graduate



industry as well as local language professionals in each of TEFL International's locations around the world. TEFL International Tuscany adheres to the highest standards of any TEFL / TESOL certification course, and the TESOL Course Certificate is moderated monthly in order to ensure the highest quality.

When the directors of The Learning Center of Tuscany (TLC) were asked why they chose to join forces with TEFL International as opposed to other existing courses, they explained that they were "extremely impressed" by not only the pedagogical knowledge of the TEFL International staff, but also by the "obvious practical skills" that they were able to "effectively communicate" to their students. "It was clear that the trainers really cared about the progress of the trainees, and that they did not see their work as simply a job but as a stimulating collaboration between experienced teachers and future ones. Furthermore, it didn't matter what age the students were; all were treated with respect and therefore prospered throughout the duration of the month-long intensive course," noted one of the directors. They went on to say that they were impressed by the daily growth of all students taking the course as they learned and applied the numerous components of Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language.

The Learning Center of Tuscany's mission and vision are clearly compatible with TEFL International's, as the center's goal is to provide quality, research-based education in areas of language and culture and other services. Whether through its language courses or other types of cultural excursions, TLC seeks to provide its customers, whom the center views as students who will truly learn from their TLC experiences, with authentic immersion into many aspects of Tuscan culture. To elaborate, The Learning Center of Tuscany believes that the study of languages enhances communication, understanding and knowledge, and that language and culture are inseparable. Therefore, they are committed to offering a range of services that encompass their vision. They believe that language teaching and learning and cultural understanding go beyond the textbook and the classroom, and they provide authentic experiences that will impact individuals as students, future teachers, and world citizens. TLC offers English and other language courses, various cultural courses such as traditional Tuscan ceramics and art history, wine tasting excursions

and cultural exchanges with semester abroad programs. For more information or for a free brochure, please contact:

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### 2006 TESOL Course Dates

**12 June - 7 July**

**17 July - 11 August**

**11 September - 6 October**

**16 October - 10 November**

**20 November - 15 December**

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TEFL International, the biggest name in English language teaching certification is proud to present the latest edition to its organization: TEFL International Tuscany. TEFL International Tuscany has teamed with the owners of The Learning Center of Tuscany, a language and culture center located in Florence, in order to offer a high quality, research-based yet practical preparation for teaching English throughout the world.

An English language teaching certificate is the major qualification required by educational institutions that employ English language teachers around the world. Upon completion of TEFL International's intensive, month-long TESOL Course Certificate, students possess the credentials and experience to work as English teachers in non-native English speaking countries. Through TEFL International's course, students find themselves experiencing foreign cultures and languages and embarking on new careers as English language teachers, either abroad or even in their home countries. With the significance of Globalization and the spread of English throughout the world, the current demand for qualified English teachers is increasing. With the TEFL International TESOL Course Certificate, students can experience the world in a variety of countries, including Italy, and feel confident that they are well prepared to do so. No previous teaching experience or specific qualifications are required. The only requirement is that students possess fluency in written and spoken English and the ability to produce university-level work.

TEFL International is validated and moderated by a Board of Academic Advisors (BOAA), which is comprised of many of the leading names in the

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