International Teaching Assistant (ITA) Training Workshop
University of South Carolina
coordinated by the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Graduate School, & English Programs for Internationals (EPI)
Close-Hipp Building

DAY ONE: MONDAY, August 13, 2018

All potential International Teaching Assistants are required to attend Monday’s workshop. There is no registration for Monday’s workshop, but only those students who attend Monday’s workshop will be registered for the Friday, August 17 assessment. If a student provides proof that s/he scored a speaking subscore of 26 or higher on the iBT or a speaking subscore of 7.0 or higher on the IELTS, this student is exempted from Friday’s assessment. To provide proof, the student must show an original copy of the iBT/IELTS score to Katherine Bledsoe by Friday, August 10 by 5:00 p.m. Ms. Bledsoe's office is 678 Close-Hipp building. Students must present original scores in hard copy form or electronic scans of the original report form.

8:30–9:00 a.m. OPENING SESSION (Closee-Hipp 750)

Dale Moore
Assistant Dean and Ombudsman
The Graduate School

Welcoming Remarks

Katherine Bledsoe
ITA Coordinator
English Programs for Internationals

Objectives for ITA Workshop
English Language Proficiency Requirement for USC Teaching
ENFS Testing and Instruction

Please fill out your biodata sheet by going to the following URL: http://www.epi.sc.edu/ita (You should do this before you arrive on Monday morning.) Also, please put the following information on the index card in your folder: your name (Please underline your family name.) and your department. If you have a compelling reason to be tested either Friday morning or afternoon, please write this on your index card also. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request, but there are no guarantees. Give your index card to Ms. Bledsoe before Training Session One.

9:00–10:15 a.m. TRAINING SESSION ONE (Close-Hipp 750)

Terry Goodfellow
Faculty
English Programs for Internationals

The Culture of U.S. Classrooms
Microlesson Assignment

10:15–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. TRAINING SESSION TWO

For this Training Session, you will be divided into “country groups” according to your linguistic backgrounds. Check the countries listed below to see where you belong at 10:30 a.m. If your country is not listed, ask Ms. Bledsoe where you should go.
Quick Pronunciation Tips for ITAs
and
Microlesson Review and “Q & A”: The Challenges of International Teaching Assistants

Marit Bobo
Faculty
English Programs for Internationals

(If you are from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, or Sri Lanka. (Close-Hipp 791)

Terry Goodfellow
Faculty
English Programs for Internationals

(If you are from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, or another southeast or far east Asian country. (Close-Hipp 750)

Bronia Holmes
Faculty
English Programs for Internationals

(If you are not from the countries listed above, (go to Close-Hipp 773)

“Veteran” International Teaching Assistants (They will be joining the groups at 11:30 a.m.)

For Friday’s assessment session, you will be divided into 12 groups — 1–12. As much as is possible, you will be placed in a group with colleagues from your department. You will be notified as to which group you are assigned during TRAINING SESSION TWO. Do not leave today without knowing where and when you are to report on Friday. The Friday sessions will occur in the Close-Hipp Building. Please refer to the groups, times, and room assignments below. You must be on time (8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.) or you will not be able to be tested. You must stay during the entire time.

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, August 17, 2018

TRAINING SESSION THREE (Close-Hipp Building)

ITA Trainers

Microlesson Experiences
Microlesson Viewing and Discussion
Evaluation of Workshop

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

GROUP 1 Close-Hipp 652B
GROUP 2 Close-Hipp 652C
GROUP 3 Close-Hipp 652D
GROUP 4 Close-Hipp 773
GROUP 5 Close-Hipp 769
GROUP 6 Close-Hipp 783

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

GROUP 7 Close-Hipp 652B
GROUP 8 Close-Hipp 652C
GROUP 9 Close-Hipp 652D
GROUP 10 Close-Hipp 773
GROUP 11 Close-Hipp 769
GROUP 12 Close-Hipp 783

Thank you for your participation in the ITA segment of the TA Training for GTAs/GIAs. If you have any additional comments or questions about English language study or assessment, please contact EPI at ita@epi.sc.edu. You can get your ITA assessment score from your Graduate Director. EPI does not distribute these scores to students.