

# Could you be a TESL Practicum Mentor this summer?

Certainly mentoring a student teacher (ST) takes time, yet there are personal and professional rewards for you as you enhance your mentoring skills. As well, most English Language Learners (ELLs) appreciate having 2 teachers in the room to support them.

- Do this short quiz to determine if you're ready to sponsor a TESL novice from the Douglas College TESL program.
- Answer YES or NO for each question.
- Then, check your responses with the key below.
- No animals were harmed in the preparation of this quiz.

**YES NO**

- 1. Do you think everyone who can speak English can teach English?
- 2. Are you looking for a Professional Development opportunity?
- 3. Do you like to plan and collaborate with others?
- 4. Do you expect your Student Teacher (ST) to sweep the floor and dust the shelves?
- 5. Do your peers turn to you for teaching ideas?
- 6. Are you good at describing behaviours without adding judgemental words?
- 7. Do you expect the ST to give instructions exactly like you do?
- 8. Do you like to reflect on your own teaching?
- 9. Do you think educational theories are totally irrelevant to your teaching?
- 10. Do you like to encourage others to develop their ideas?
- 11. Do you believe you are the best teacher in your school and have nothing to learn?
- 12. Can you view people as a "work in progress" and see their potential?
- 13. While the ST is teaching, would you interrupt and correct him/her in front of students?
- 14. Would you intervene if the ST's instructions were confusing to all the ELLs?
- 15. Do you believe excellent ELL teachers are automatically great mentors?
- 16. Do you plan your lesson topics one or two days in advance?
- 17. Do you expect your ST to make your coffee/tea just the way you like it?
- 18. If you have a concern about your ST, would you discuss it with the ST first?
- 19. Do you plan your lessons before class by flipping through a binder of ideas?
- 20. Do you want to mentor a ST in the morning so you can catch up on your sleep?

- 21. Are you good at whispering or giving non-verbal cues from the sidelines?
- 22. Do you think a team effort is a lot of people doing what you say?
- 23. Do you have a sense of humour and enjoy teaching adult ELLs?
- 24. Do you have a TESL Canada certificate and have 2000 hours of teaching experience?
- 25. Will you be teaching ESL in the mornings/evenings in June and July in the GVRD?
- 26. Would you be willing to participate in a brief interactive orientation about being a great mentor OR promise to read the materials if you can't attend?

### **Key - Preferred Responses**

YES Key: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26

NO Key: 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22

If 11 to 15 of your yesses match the Preferred YES Key list, please contact Janice immediately to embark on a great PD adventure this summer with a Douglas College TESL trainee.

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