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## EDUCATION & SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

**Master of Art in TESOL** (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) May 2019  
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago IL

- Courses in Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Theories and Techniques of Teaching English Language, Structure of English, Research Methods, Language Assessment Principles, Pragmatics, Lexically-based Instruction, Second Language Acquisition, Teaching Pronunciation, Content-based Instruction.
- Recipient of TESOL Graduate Tuition Merit Scholarship from Graduate Studies and Research Department.
- Recipient of NEIU Foundation Travel Award.
- Research focus on Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), English for Specific Purposes (ESP).

**Certificate CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) Methodology** August 2018  
International House, New Castle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

- Study abroad teacher training program for Content and Language Integrated Learning approach.
- Intensive 2 week course, 50 hours, led by certified Cambridge English Trainer, accredited by British Council.
- **CLIL Modules on:** communication, cognition, CLIL learning skills, CLIL lesson planning, CLIL resources and materials, CLIL activity types, CLIL scaffolding techniques and learning strategies, CLIL assessment and support strategies.

**TKT (Teaching Knowledge Test): CLIL Band 3 Certificate** August 2018  
Cambridge Assessment English, New Castle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

- Official Center accredited by British Council with certified Cambridge Assessment English test administrator.
- TKT CLIL is for all subject teachers where curriculum can incorporate content being taught through a foreign language.

**CELTA (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults)** January 2016  
Teaching House International, Chicago IL

- Gold standard recognized worldwide, 120 hours with a student teaching practicum component.

**Bachelor of Arts in Business Management** December 2010  
University of South Florida, Tampa FL

- Minor in International Business, 3 years of Japanese language training.
- **Certificate in International Trade**, Florida Small Business Development Center.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND FOREIGN PROFESSIONALS

**International English Teacher** Aug 2019 – Aug 2020  
Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools Kokshetau, Kokshetau, Kazakhstan

- Taught 10<sup>th</sup> grade English, prepared students for national external exam within organization.
- Prepared 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for SAT exam and prepared local Kazakhstani science teachers for IELTS exam.
- Co-taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade summer English lessons through Microsoft Teams online platform.
- Established Entrepreneur Business club for 9-12 grade students, conducted weekly club meetings.
- Successfully co-planned with 4 Kazakhstani English teachers to develop effective lesson plans.
- Delivered CLIL methodology workshops for local teachers and American English webinar sessions.

**Adjunct Instructor** Mar 2016 - Jan 2019  
Computer Systems Institute, Chicago IL

- **Promoted** to Subject Matter Expert for Entrepreneurship, Small Business, Finance, and Computer Applications.

- **Appointed** Curriculum Designer for Small Business Administration Program and Customer Service Program.
- Taught adult international students from over 60 countries in various language, business, and professional skill courses, using a content-based instructional method integrating content and language learning.
- Courses taught: Intermediate ESL, Advanced ESL, Introduction to Small Business Administration, Financial Services, Marketing Strategies for Small Business, Accounting, Customer Service, Customer Relationship Management, Microsoft Word & Excel, Professional Writing, Business Communication, and Social Media Marketing.
- Coordinated, planned, and hosted professional networking, resume & interviewing workshops, and speaker events campus-wide supporting 400-700 international students from over 60 countries.
- Designed CBI program curriculum for multiple professional programs used by 500+ international students.

**Business English Instructor**

Mar 2016 - Present

ESL Associates, Chicago IL

- Taught small groups of 4-7 professionals through partnership with Japan America Society Chicago (JASC).
- Provided 1-1 customized language training solutions to Japanese management professionals on-site at corporate locations and designed curriculum and activities to meet their personal or professional language objectives.
- Performed needs analysis and designed all course curriculum for professional needs of all students.

**ESL, Business English, & Professional Skills Workshop Instructor**

Oct 2016 – Aug 2017

BIR Training Center, Chicago IL

- Taught intermediate English language courses and English language workshop courses for adult international students.

**ESL, Business English Instructor**

Mar 2016 – Dec 2016

Solex College, Chicago IL

- Taught intermediate reading strategies and listening speaking courses for adult international students.

**Founder, Coordinator, ESL Instructor**

Mar 2015 – Nov 2015

Memphis Public Library, Memphis TN

- Established, coordinated, and taught public ESL program for 25+ adult English language learners.
- Collaborated with library staff and department management to execute a free public library program.
- Spear-headed English language program for 9 months while enhancing a more publicized marketing campaign which led to sustained enrollment growth of over 800%.

**INVITED TALKS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLICATIONS / CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT**

National Center for Professional Development Orleu, Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan

August 2020

Presentation: **Using English Teaching Forum Magazine in the COVID-19 Era**

- Presented US Dept. of State, American English's ELT magazine as a resource for online learning and development.

Association of Teachers of English North Kazakhstan (ATENK), Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan

August 2019

Workshop: **ATENK Professional Development Meeting**

- Co-presented at initial member meeting for launch of new teachers' association.

Kazakhstani Teachers of English Association (KazTEA) Conference

April 2019

Presentation title: **CLIL Best Practices for Teaching Business English**

- Selected as a virtual presenter for English for Specific Purpose section.

TESOL International Association, Atlanta, GA, USA

March 2019

Presentation title: **Stimulating Cognitive Skills for ESP within Business English Context**

- Selected workshop presenter for TESOL 2019 International Conference.

Illinois TESOL Bilingual Education, Chicago, IL, USA

February 2019

Presentation title: **Teaching Business English that Develops Higher Order Thinking Skills**

- Selected workshop presenter for ITBE 2019 Conference "Bridging the Gap".

US Department of State, American Corner, Astana, Kazakhstan

October 2018

Discussion Topic: **Can Money Buy You Happiness?**

- Volunteer discussion leader for 50 college students from Kazakhstan for 2 hour talk. Facilitated critical discussion for whole group and breakout groups, monitored break out groups for learner involvement and participation.

Kazakhstan Teachers of English Association (KazTEA), Live Webinar June 2018  
Presentation title: **Tips and Techniques for Effective Business English or ESP Teaching**  

- Delivered live webinar presentation for professional development and in-service training of educators and administrators across Kazakhstan.

North Kazakhstan State University, Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan December 2018  
Presentation title: **CLIL Best Practices for Teaching Business English**  

- Delivered pre-recorded YouTube video presentation to teachers and administrators of north Kazakhstan region.

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL, USA July 2018  
Presentation title: **Tips & Techniques for Effective Curriculum Design & Assessment for Business English Teaching**  

- Invited by TESOL department Chair and Associate Professor to participate in 4 person panel to deliver presentation on for Curriculum Overview Panel 2018.

**NIS X International Research-to-Practice Conference, Foreign participant** October 2018  
Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan  

- Participated in CLIL workshop led by Dr. David Marsh and Dr. Peeter Mehisto.

**NIS XI International Research-to-Practice Conference, NIS teacher** October 2019  
Congress Center, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

**TESOL International Association Conference 2018, Participant** March 2018  
McCormick Center, Chicago, IL, USA

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#### ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TEACHING LICENSE (Within the USA)

**Illinois Educator License with Stipulations** Oct 2015 – 2021

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#### RELEVANT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP WORK EXPERIENCE

**Branch Manager** Nov 2014 – Aug 2015  
Advance America, Memphis TN  

- Promoted** twice to Assistant Branch Manager and then to Branch Manager.
- Provided customer service, effectively organized customer applications, documents, and records, executed monthly audits for compliance, interviewed potential applicants, trained and mentored staff of up to 10 employees.

**Revolving Credit & Loan Specialist** Jan 2012 – Sept 2014  
Regions Bank, Memphis TN  

- Promoted** from General Banker to Credit and Loan Specialist managing a greater asset portfolio.
- Worked independently and part of a team to reach organization's service, asset, and compliance goals.

**Assistant Branch Manager** Jul 2010 – Sept 2011  
Amscot Financial, Tampa FL  

- Promoted** from Customer Service Associate to Assistant Branch Leader within 6 months.
- Provided customer service, plus sales and service leadership and training for up to 8 branch employees, in a dynamic environment that demanded flexibility, critical thinking, and strong communication skills.

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#### COMPUTER SKILLS CERTIFICATION

- Microsoft Office Specialist Certification** (Advanced skill in MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power Point, MS Publisher).
- QuickBooks Online Certified Specialist (Accounting software used by small and medium sized businesses).

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#### RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INFORMATION AND INTERESTS

- Co-wrote US Embassy grant proposal, budget, and timeline with Kazakhstani teacher to establish the **Association of Teachers of English North Kazakhstan**. Outlined all professional development events and trainings for teachers.
- Passionate about **promoting small business and entrepreneurial skills**, experienced mentor for non-native English speaking business students in helping to develop business plans and business pitches for capital investors.