

The Vientiane College Diploma - Module Overview

DIPTA122 – TA Course

Overview of the module

In this module, you will explore the roles you play as a Teacher's Assistant at Vientiane College and develop and build on your existing skills. You will be discussing expectations of TAs, discovering how you become a role model for your students, uncovering myths about being a TA, and spotlighting impacts you have on the students and teachers you work with. You will be reading articles, participating in group activities and writing in a weekly reflective journal.

Key questions explored in the course

- What impacts do I have in the classroom on the students and the teachers I work with?
- How do my style of learning and experiences impact my teaching pedagogy?
- How can I develop myself as a language student *and* as a TA?
- How does understanding my students' needs allow me to assist them in their learning better?

Skills

This module will help you improve your English language skills with a special emphasis on:

- highlighting the importance of peer and teacher feedback
- writing reflectively and openly
- noticing consistent errors in your own language and working on correcting those errors
- speaking through presentations and demonstrations
- giving and receiving praise as part of the learning process
- reflective journaling and logging new vocabulary to assist in your continuous learning process
- learning by doing

Performance Tasks

Throughout this module you will:

- write weekly reflective journals which will help you
- compose a pedagogy essay in which you will explore your own teaching pedagogies by reflecting on your journal entries, utilizing materials in the class and your experiences in the classroom as a TA
- deliver a presentation about teaching strategies
- present a short demonstration (using a concept or personal interest)
- collaborate on a large group project as a whole TA Course class



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