

Original TESOL Program Goals were centered around documenting learnings, challenging myself, and collaborating. I did make an effort to save coursework, incorporate strategies, be creative, digest reading materials, and explore new tools. I could have done more to network with fellow students although I have always offered my contact information. My original goals still hold true. I would like to continue implementing them going forward.

My professional goals are focused more on my teaching philosophy and what I hope to accomplish as a TESOL instructor. My teaching philosophy will be shared in Week 3 (work in progress).

Obviously, the big picture is about getting my feet wet and beginning my TESOL career. It aligns generically with my goals in life – to explore new beginnings, get outside my comfort zone, and live each day to the fullest. It is an extension of what I have embarked on through this program.

1. Inspire students to continue learning. I want to see light bulbs turn on. There is no greater satisfaction for a teacher.
2. Continuously improve my teaching methods and strategies to optimize learning. I will strive to explore new technologies and tools.
3. Focus on utility, practicality, and functionality. “You haven’t taught until they have learned.” ~ John Wooden
4. Seek to understand the students and continuously be a student. Understanding student needs, backgrounds, and abilities will help me be a better teacher.