

To whom it may concern,

My name is Abigail Carter, and I am interested in the English Language Teacher position. I have over two decades of experience in education mainly in English teaching. I started teaching English in Brazil where I grew up. I officially began my teaching journey in 1998 teaching at a local language school in a city near the one I lived in. After this experience I began looking for language schools near my house where I could continue teaching. I started working at three different language schools in town. After doing this for about 3 years I started my own English teaching business. Through my business I began teaching students from different areas of town and walks of life. I taught high school students, doctors, businessmen and undergraduates. I also started teaching at a local preschool. My classes consisted of following what the students were interested in and what they needed to learn. Although my business was prosperous, I realized that if I pursued higher education, I would be able to widen my teaching range and perhaps begin to teach at private schools.

I contacted the university and explained my situation. They let me know that because I was already fluent in English the most appropriate and fitting degree for me to pursue would be Education. Thus, began my higher education journey.

When I moved to another city in 2010. I began teaching at a bilingual private school and taught 3-5th graders the English portion of the bilingual program. Once more I decided it was time to begin my own business and I pursued this endeavor for the next 7 years. I taught at several schools as the English teacher, teaching preschool all the way to 9th grade. I taught at several preschools and privately. Most of my students were children whose ages ranged from 1 year old to 15. I also had adult students, who were professors, doctors, lawyers, and businesspeople.

Upon completing my undergraduate degree in Education, I went on to study psych pedagogy. Through getting certified in this I was qualified to work with students that presented learning difficulties and

disabilities. Which once again broadened my teaching scope, and I had the opportunity to teach students with autism and ADHD.

I believe that I am a highly qualified teacher who strives to put my students' needs and interests as the focus of all my classes. I know from experience that when students are interested in what they are learning they learn at a much faster pace, and they retain the knowledge learned.

Although I had all the above experience and education, I was not officially certified in TEFL which is why in the summer of 2023 I pursued this certification. My goal is to continually learn more and keep myself up to date regarding educational practices. Which is why I am now pursuing my PhD in Education and Art.

I am creative and innovative, a fast learner and a hard worker. I am organized, detail oriented, and a problem solver.

Due to all the above, I believe I am a strong candidate for this position. Thank you for reviewing my application and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Abigail