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Hola Chilenglish,

My name is Geoff Watson and I first contacted you in May of 2010. I was in Canada, looking for work in Santiago. As it turned out, I was offered a job by Instituto Chileno Norteamericano and I accepted a position with them.

I have spent the last year teaching classes for ICHN and in many ways my time with them has been a big success. However, I have decided not to continue working for them. The main reason is that I could not recommend them as a good place to take classes. I believe that I have left the Institute on good terms and I don’t think that I would have any problems giving you 2 or 3 people to contact if you wanted a reference. They will be able to confirm that I never missed a class, that I was always available and that I never said no to a course. I can also send you some of the results that I received from student evaluations.

I found you website to be open, honest and upbeat. You have loads innovative ideas for classes and I totally agree with your focus on the learning process and the efforts of the student. Sadly, it’s not common to see a website like yours that does not create false expectations or make unrealistic promises.

Yes, I believe I have the “Right Stuff”! I have 25 years of experience of working with people and teaching real skills and abilities. I clearly remember learning the word “Hola” a little more than 5 years ago. My Spanish is still far from perfect but I am very happy with the functional level that I have. I estimate that I have spent a total of 3,000 hours exploring Spanish and I have loved every minute of it. I feel the combination of being a Native speaker and a fellow student gives me something special to offer my students.

I hope that I have the opportunity to talk more with you about the possibility of working for Chilengish. This will be the only application that I will send out until I receive a reply from you. I don’t want to miss out on working with you again.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Geoff Watson

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RESUMÉ  
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EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVE  
To find a full time position teaching English as a Second Language for a period of at least 1 year so that I can complete 2 years of working with a Chilean visa subject to contract.

WORK, EDUCATIONAL AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

\*I have over 4500 hours of experience teaching English as a Second Language.

August 2010 – August 2011, Santiago. I taught Conversational and Business English classes for Instituto Chileno Norteamericano. I taught a mixture of Adult and Teen classes in the 3 different locations and conducted several onsite courses for various business clients. I taught a total of 1100 hours of classes.

August 2008 – March 2010, Mexico. I taught Conversational and Business English for the Instituto de Comunicacion International de Mexico in the city of Guadalajara. The majority of my students were employees of a business center. I taught 2000 hours of classes.

January 2008 – April 2008, Nicaragua. I taught Conversational English for the University of Nicaragua in the city of Leon. I conducted 150 hours of classes for adults and teens from the general public. While in Nicaragua, I also volunteered for the nonprofit group, Quetzaltrekkers. I guided trips to local volcanoes in order to raise money for a children’s charity.

August 2006 - December. 2007, Costa Rica. I instructed English classes for 2 companies that provided Business English instruction to their clients. I gained 1600 hours of class time experience.

July 2006, Canada. I completed my 100 hour TEFL certificate. The course was offered on-line by International TEFL Teacher Training. ( ITTT )

August 2006 – September 2011, Central America, Mexico and Chile. Through self-study, classes and immersion, I have attained an intermediate level in Spanish. (B2)  
  
August 1992 - Jun. 2006, Canada. For 14 years, I worked as a Special Education Assistant in the Canadian public school system in Maple Ridge, BC. The work involved supporting a wide range of mentally handicapped students in a high school setting

March 2004 - June 2006, Canada.  As a second job, I worked as a residential support worker. This position involved assisting adults with developmental handicaps in their workplace, the community and in their homes.

February 1998, Canada. I completed a professional training program offered by the University of British Columbia. The program focused on teaching people with Autism and was worth 6 university credits.

October 1983 - August 2001, Canada.

Lifeguard / Staff Trainer / First Aid Instructor / First Aid Attendant  
I have 10,000 hrs. of experience teaching all age groups in swimming and water safety.  
I have 4000 hrs. of experience training lifeguards for work at aquatic facilities.

I have 3000 hrs. of experience teaching first aid and CPR for the Canadian Red Cross.  
I was a volunteer member of a Civil Search and Rescue organization for 7 years.  
I have 100s of hours of experience leading high school student trips into the outdoors.  
I held advanced first aid certification and was a FA attendant at work for 14 years.