

Karen Barkley



Profile

Ms Barkley has over 10 years of experience in education and community service. She is an accomplished teacher who strives to see her students succeed.

She lectured an English Medium Course at Stellenbosch University for a number of years and has taught English in Thailand and Japan.

Her teaching style is relaxed and flexible and she is adept at teaching adults or children of all ages. For younger students, she likes to create an environment that encourages interaction in a way that is fun, yet conducive to learning.

Her extensive experience gives her a deep understanding of the unique difficulties faced by students learning English as a second language.

Her Managerial studies and understanding of Business and Finance also enables her to teach Business English with ease.

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Personal Statement

I am an enthusiastic teacher who is highly motivated in helping my students to speak English. My teaching process is flexible and I adapt easily to the age and needs of my learners.

Students are quickly assessed to determine their current level and my lessons are readily adapted as necessary. Learning content can be taught as required by the Institution or I can formulate my own lesson plans and easily create course content.

I like to create an environment where my students are relaxed and comfortable about making mistakes whilst learning.

I enjoy learning about different cultures and adjust well to new environments.

Kindly note that I have a valid & current Police Clearance Certificate and am available to relocate at reasonably short notice.



Education

TESOL Certification (Full-Time in classroom course)
Teach Travel Asia 2011

School Management
University of South Africa (Unisa) 2014

Leadership Development Course
University of Kwazulu Natal 2010/2011

Early Childhood Development Leadership Development
National Programme
Centre for Early Childhood Development 2015/2016

Additional Short Courses:

- 2—5 years Play Based Learning Course
Dept. of Basic Education / Unicef - 2018
- Infant Toddler Workshop
Montessori Centre South Africa - 2013
- English Language Studies - Unisa 2009
- Child Development - Unisa 2009
- English Fiction, Poetry & Drama - Unisa 2009
- Basic Psychology - Unisa 2009

Copies of Certificates available on request



Working Experience in Education

English Lecturer: Stellenbosch University - 3 years

PGCE Course: English as Language of Teaching and Learning

Reference: Professor Christa van der Walt - +2721 808 2284

(Written reference available on request)

English Teacher (TESOL): Thailand & Japan - 2 years

- Thailand: Amphawanwitthayalai School
Reference: Dept. Head Adjarn Thammarong +66 899151282
- Japan: (Part-Time)
- Elementary & Adult students



Early Childhood Education Manager: Stellenbosch Early Education Development Trust - 3 years

I managed a group of schools affiliated to Stellenbosch University. Learners ranged from 3 months to 6 years. I am familiar with Preschool teaching content and offered on-going support to teachers. It was my responsibility to ensure that our children were educated in a fun and stimulating manner. I also filled in as a substitute teacher if required.

Teacher: The Forest Academy - 2 years

A small private school that caters to High School Students facing learning challenges such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), ADHD, or difficulties with behavioural and/or social adjustment. Students were enrolled with Brainline, a distance-learning institute that is registered with the Independent Examinations Board in South Africa. I created lesson plans and taught around a prescribed curriculum.

Additional Skills & Interests

Early Career Business Experience

- Accountant & Administrative Manager: Novel Ford Motor Company - 3 years
- Administrator & Public Relations Officer: Drakenstein Palliative Hospice - 2 years

Sport Achievement

I completed an intensive 1 year Aikido Martial Arts course in Japan in July 2018. I achieved a 1st Dan grade (Shodan) and am currently licenced to instruct Aikido internationally.

