

# TEACHING AT AN AMERICAN SCHOOL ABROAD

## QUALIFICATIONS

There are schools that will hire teachers without formal qualifications, but you do need a teaching certificate. In order to be a competitive candidate, you need at least two of the following: a Bachelor's degree, a valid teaching license in the subject you plan to teach, and two years of experience.

## JOB SEARCH

- Most schools offer two-year renewable contracts, although some offer one-year contracts or require a three-year commitment from new hires.
- Prime hiring season is from January through April, although hiring is done all the way through August for the upcoming school year.
- A lot of hiring is done at international job fairs organized by school placement organizations. At job fairs, dozens of school administrators and hundreds of teacher candidates converge in a major city for the purpose of lining up jobs.

The biggest job fairs are run by Search Associates [www.searchassociates.com](http://www.searchassociates.com) , International Schools Services (ISS) [www.iss.edu](http://www.iss.edu) and University of Northern Iowa (UNI) <http://www.uni.edu/placement/overseas/> . To attend a Search or ISS fair you need to apply and become a member.

## OTHER LINKS:

- The International Educator:  
<http://www.ticonline.com>
- Linked In:  
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/International-Teacher-Recruitment-Teaching-Jobs-2613009>
- International School Review:  
<http://www.internationalschoolsreview.com/>
- US State Department-International Schools Overseas:  
<http://www.state.gov/m/a/os/c16899.htm>