International Student Teaching Testimonials

What were some of the highlights of your student teaching experience?

The greatest upside to the student teaching experience was getting to work with amazing people who really care about you. And the traveling of course! –R.G.

It was really neat to work with different people from around the world. It was also great to travel on the weekends and have that experience to bring back with me. –K.C.

Student teaching in Costa Rica was the best experience ever! It was a combination of multicultural experiences both in and out of the classroom. The people are so accepting and willing to help. I would do it again without hesitation! –M.T.

When I decided to go to Costa Rica, I did it all on a whim. I’d traveled abroad through OSU before under a different degree program, but didn’t know how the experience would work. But I can truly say that it was a life-altering, if not reaffirming, experience. Not only did I bond with the students at Blue Valley School (many of whom I still keep in touch with), but I also made a friend from OSU I probably wouldn’t have met otherwise. We had little in common, yet we formed a bond that will never break. We traveled all over the country together, and were inseparable throughout the duration. I even ended up writing a short novella about it that will forever live on in both our memories. –J.M.

Student teaching in Costa Rica was an amazing eye opening experience. Not only did I create life long bonds with my classmates, but I also had the opportunity to be immersed in the culture. –D.F.

What advice would you give students considering student teaching abroad?

This is a growing experience. You will challenge yourself on an educational and personal level. It’s fun, and amazing, and there is nothing like it, but it will not be a simple walk in the park. –R.G.

Do it!! I was very hesitant, but it was the best decision I have ever made! Even if you have doubts, do it!!! It is such an easy way to travel to places you may not be able to otherwise. –K.C.

Make sure you are doing it for the right reasons. You need to teach, but also have a heart for travel. I saw a person go who didn’t even really like traveling and experiencing different cultures. There was also someone who struggled with homesickness. –C.E.

It was beneficial to teach and interact with students in a different educational culture, where the space was open, students were rambunctious, and there was little discipline or structure (compared to the United States model of acceptable classroom behaviors). It proved that teaching and learning can occur in an active unstructured environment when it is a cultural acceptable norm. The confidence gained to enter classrooms of all ages and cultures was immeasurable. The personal growth and responsibility cultivated in my teaching style was also irreplaceable. –K.S.