

SHORT TERM PROGRAM // SPRING 2019

Tacoma Community College

Elementary School Educators Training

~ Tools & Awareness about Language Education ~

STRENGTHSQUEST BASED PROGRAM



EXPAND YOUR WORLD VIEW



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“

TCC offers the best place to strengthen English in an environment that feels like home

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by a Japanese student at TCC

Tacoma Community College [TCC] has consistently been ranked as one of America's top 50 community colleges and offers high quality, transferrable education with small class sizes. We have over 20 transfer partners including two top-50 public universities, University of Iowa and University of Oregon. The college also features an exceptional in-house homestay program, which matches students with pre-screened American families in the community.

TCC is located in the South Puget Sound area, approximately 10 minutes from a beach, 30 minutes from the capital of Washington (Olympia) and under an hour from the metropolitan city of Seattle. The region is abound with natural wonders from two National Parks, multiple State Parks and water on all sides. There is a major public transportation terminal on TCC's campus, which allows students to easily access the city of Tacoma as well as explore the surrounding area.

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Program Overview & Goals:

The Japanese school system's English teaching curriculum is expected to be revitalized in 2020 to respond to needs of globalization. This short term program at TCC will provide an opportunity for elementary school educators to:

- {Language} Have hands-on experiences speaking English in a homestay and classroom setting
- {Confidence} Be better prepared and feel confident about their skills as a (co-)teacher
- {Tool box for teaching} Observe different schools in the U.S. (Washington state) and learn fun activity ideas that would be suitable for elementary school students
- {Tool box for teaching} Have access to materials provided by JASSW as part of their curriculum
- {Self-awareness} Gain awareness of one's strengths through StrengthsQuest that they can later utilize in their classrooms

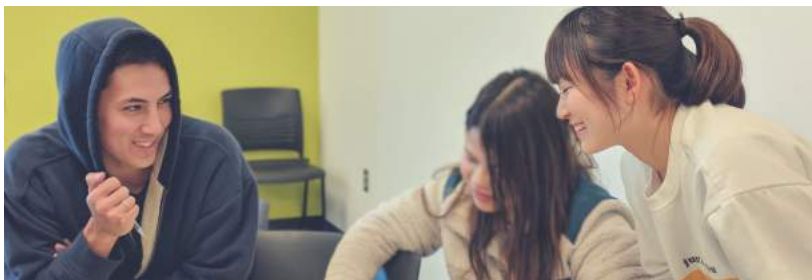


TCC International Programs Office has established relationships with some of Japanese organizations through existing programs such as Consulate General of Japan in Seattle, Japan America Society of State of Washington (JASSW) and Bellevue Children's Academy.

Japan In School presentation
with Japan America Society of
State of Washington

"Who should join the program?"

TCC looks forward to helping future & current educators. Join us to discover your strengths & expand your world view while brushing up on your English language skills.



An ideal program participant would be:

- A university student who's pursuing an academic career to be an elementary school teacher
- A professional educator who is already in the field and would like to brush up skills by utilizing Golden Week holidays
- Anybody who is passionate about English language education
- Anybody who is looking for ways to reflect on their experiences and grow as a global citizen

No language proficiency scores are needed to join the program.

Schedule & Activities

TCC will offer a course on theory that can be later used in application

Sat, April 27	Depart to Seattle & Arrive in Seattle/Tacoma
Sun, April 28	Spend time with a homestay family
Mon, April 29	Attend orientation, StrengthsQuest based workshop & class
Tue, April 30	Class, field trip for scavenger hunt & Mariner's baseball game
Wed, May 1	Visit to a local school with Japan America Society of State of Washington Service learning activity at a homeless shelter
Thu, May 2	Class & field trip to Bellevue Children's Academy
Fri, May 3	StrengthsQuest based reflection & class
Sat, May 4	Visit to Mr. Rainier
Sun, May 5	Depart to Japan
Mon, May 6	Arrive in Japan

Please note that those activities are subjects to change.



Program Fees: \$1,295.00

Program Fees include:

- Tuition for a non-credited class at TCC
- Homestay with 3 meals per day
- Group activities
- StrengthsQuest test fee
- Transportations from/to Sea-Tac Airport & excursion destinations
- ORCA Card (a bus pass for local transportations)
- Certificate of program completion

Program Fees do NOT include:

- A round trip airfare
- ESTA
- Personal purchases (gifts, souvenirs, restaurant outing etc)
- Travel insurance
- Out-of-pocket expenses for medical and other emergencies



We work with community members
who kindly open their homes to our international students & visitors

Application & Timeline



Online Application:

<https://tccinternational.wufoo.com/forms/tcc-stp-teachers-training-spring-2019/>

- Program Application Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2019
- Homestay Application Deadline: Friday, March 22, 2019
- Program Fee Payment Due Date: Friday, April 1, 2019
- Arrival Information Form Deadline: Friday, April 12, 2019

Please note:

- Preparation materials will be provided in early April
- StrengthsQuest code will be sent in mid April

Contact us:

TCC has an experienced International Educator who speaks Japanese:



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Namiko Bagirimvano currently serves as the Assistant Director for Operations, International Housing & Short Term Programs. Namiko grew up in Japan, completed her BA degree in Japan, worked for an airline company and decided to come to the U.S. for her MA degree at SIT Graduate Institute in VT. After graduating from SIT in 2009, she has worked for different types of institutions. Being a liaison and building a bridge between Japan and the U.S. has been her life mission and she looks forward to welcoming educators on this short term program.

Our Wonderful Faculty: Emilie & Matt

Emilie Coates-White has a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and has been teaching English to non-native speakers since 1993. She is Chair of the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Department at TCC. The EAP program offers a wide variety of classes designed not only to improve English language and study skills, but also to prepare international students for the U.S. college classroom. She is excited to meet other English language educators from around the world!

Matt Anderson has a master's degree in Educational Psychology and has taught both internationally and in public schools, where he was selected as 1 of 24 educators in the US to consult for schools in South Africa. He is the Program Lead of the Education-Transfer program (EDU-T) at TCC. The EDU-T program offers classes to help prepare future teachers to engage their students in learning. He can't wait to connect teachers from other countries to share how they support their students.

