ATASK - College Student Volunteer Applicants
Interview Questions

A. Introduction.

- Purpose of interview.
- Structure of interview.
- Duration of interview.

B. Skim Completed ESOL Program Volunteer Application Form.

C. MY Questions.

1. What do you understand the placement at ATASK to entail?

2. What times/days are you available?

- Check against information on Volunteer Application Form.
- Check that student has figured in travel time.
- Check that student understands that placement involves these other time commitments:

  a) Prep time: estimated 1 hour.
  b) Volunteer Orientation and Training: 3 2-hour sessions.
  c) Volunteer Meetings.
  d) Individual Meetings: Debrief after 1st day of teaching; exit interview; and, perhaps other meetings.

3. What times/days are you available for Volunteer Orientation and Training? (Record on my summary form)

4. Why are you interested in a placement in the ESOL Program at ATASK?

- How would it relate to the Trauma course you are taking?
- How would it relate to your post-graduate interests/plans?

5. What volunteer/community jobs have you had in the past? (DO or SKIP)

- Organization.
- Primary responsibilities.
- Duration.
- # hrs./wk.
- What did you find satisfying about this position? Why?
- What did you find frustrating or disappointing about this position? Why?
- What did you learn? In general? About yourself?

6. What paid jobs have you had since you graduated from high school? (DO or SKIP)

- Company/organization.
• Type of organization.
• Primary responsibilities.
• # hours/week.
• Duration.

7. Have you ever lived or worked in a situation where you did not speak the language of all those around you?

A. Describe.
B. Your involvement.
C. Your feelings.
D. Your learnings.
E. Learnings that you would bring to this volunteer placement.

8. What experience have you had in teaching? Tutoring?

A. Describe in detail.
B. What was satisfying for you? Why?
C. What was the most difficult situation you encountered? Why? What did you do? What did you learn?
D. How would your teaching/tutoring experience impact your work at ATASK as a Volunteer ESOL Teacher?

9. You are a Volunteer Teacher at ATASK. You teach the high beginning Reading class. You are introducing new vocabulary before students read a story. I am a student in your class.

A. How would you get me to understand the word “noisy”?
B. The word “before”?
C. I am reading the story out loud. I come to the word “street”. I don’t know it. What would you do?
D. The word “entertainment”?

10. Have you ever known anyone who was involved in DV?

A. Describe.
B. Your involvement.
C. Your thoughts and feelings.
D. Your learnings.

11. How do you think that involvement in DV might impact a student’s study of English?

12. What do you think might be the challenges for YOU in teaching reading skills to ATASK clients? How would you address these challenges?
13. FOR MALE APPLICANTS ONLY:

What do you think might be the challenges for you as a male volunteer working in a DV agency? For your female students?

How would you address these challenges?

E. HER/HIS QUESTIONS FOR ME.

14. What questions do you have for me about the potential placement?

F. Next Steps and Timing.

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