TEFL Certificate Additional Requirements

In addition to the required classes, observations, homework assignments, and workshops, TEFL Certificate candidates will be required to complete the following:

✓ **A Reflective Teaching Journal**—You should be writing daily of your experiences observing and participating in this program. Reflect on your own personality and your likely strengths and weaknesses as a teacher. Record everything you can that will help you improve your teaching. This journal will be collected and commented on by various SILC teachers twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays.

✓ **Methods Paper**—You will be required to complete an acceptable 5-6 page paper on ESL Teaching Methods. The topic of the paper should be how teaching methodology has developed over the years. Include specific examples and descriptions of at least five methods used at an early time, along with a discussion of their strengths and weaknesses. End with a description of the most commonly used methods today. **This paper should be turned in to Anna on Thursday, July 27th.** She will read it and make comments and suggest necessary revisions.

✓ **Two Observation Reports**—After observing SILC teachers in the Intensive English Program, you will complete a paper describing each of your experiences. You should give a brief description of the class activities (include teacher presentation, any small group or pair work, other learning activities), and an analysis of what made the lesson successful (or otherwise). Use specific examples from the class you observed and the information covered in our TEFL certificate classes to support your ideas. End with insights that you gained and how you will apply them to your teaching. **This paper should be turned in to Adriana by Friday, July 28th.**

✓ **Essay Exam**—At the end of the course, you will complete an essay test demonstrating your knowledge of ESL teaching techniques and how to use them in specific situations.