



Teaching Abroad Checklist

A free checklist for American
teachers ready for more

About Shanice

Inspiration for your teaching journey...

As an American teacher, I experienced the **transformation** that comes with teaching abroad in the Gulf- TWICE. Now there are plenty of countries to teach in, but my journey took me there. Moving there opened new doors, personally and professionally, while enriching my life and career.

I created this checklist to guide aspiring teachers through the initial steps toward success, making the process easier and more approachable. My hope is to inspire confidence in your journey ahead.



Your first 5 steps to teaching abroad (even if you have no idea where to start)

Step 1 — Confirm you meet the basic requirements

Most international schools require a bachelor's degree in education (or in your subject area), a valid teaching license, and at least 2 years of classroom experience. If you have all three, you're already qualified.

Step 2 — Decide which country is right for you.

I chose the Gulf, but you may choose China or Egypt. Each place has a different lifestyle, culture, and compensation package. Think about what matters most to you: salary, location, community, school type. There's no wrong answer. Just find the right fit for you.

Step 3 — Update your resume for international schools

International school resumes look different from US ones. Lead with your teaching philosophy, include a professional photo, and list your certifications clearly. This one change alone will get you more interviews.

Step 4 — Create a profile on an international job platform

The best international teaching jobs are posted on platforms like Search Associates, TES, and Teach Away. Set up a free profile, upload your resume, and start browsing! You'll be amazed at what's out there.

Step 5 — Set your target start date

Most international schools hire 6–12 months in advance for August/September starts. Pick a year, mark it on your calendar, and work backwards. Having a real date changes everything. A dream without a plan is just for fun.

Ready to go deeper?

If you're still figuring out whether teaching abroad is right for you, grab my ebook + journal, **Am I Ready to Teach Abroad?** that helps you get clear on if your journey is leading you abroad.

Already know you're doing this? **My Teach Abroad Starter Kit** gives you the full timeline, interview tracker, and everything you need to get organized and land your job.

Want to follow my exact path and teach abroad in Kuwait or Qatar? Grab my full ebook + workbook that guides you step-by-step in landing a job in the region. **Grab it here.**