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STUDY AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS IN LOMBARD SCHOOLS (ITALY)

2009-2010 Academic Year

FAQ

When will I know what school I'm going to?

At the end of June/ beginning of July 2009 (in any case, by July 10), it will be communicated to you the name of school, the address, the telephone numbers and the email address of the school, as well as the name and email address of your tutor/advisor at school. We will do our best to follow your preferences. Naturally it will not be possible for everybody but we will try to do our best.

Where are the schools?

In Lombardy. Some are in Milan, others at Brescia, Crema, Salò, Mantua, and other small cities in the provinces of Milan, Brescia, Varese, Cremona. They are high schools (students from 14 to 19 years old). In very few cases, there will be students as young as 12.

What should I do once I have the name of the school?

1. You must **immediately** contact your tutor and the school. Agree on an exact start date of the internship, which must be organized between you and the school. Some schools will begin the internship in October, others later. We have tried to respond to the needs of the students and the schools in the best way possible.

2. At the beginning of the summer if your internship starts in October, and by the end of October if your internship starts in January, you should receive the "progetto formativo" approved by the Region of Lombardy. The "progetto formativo" will be sent to the mailing address that you indicated on your application (please make sure to update your info). The "progetto formativo" will help you when you ask for a visa "di formazione" from the Italian consulate.

What travel documents will I need to participate in the program?

The internship program requires a visa "per formazione." The steps to obtain this visa are as follows:

- The Institute Luca Pacioli of Crema (the school which coordinates the project) prepares the "progetto formativo" for every intern and sends it to the Region of Lombardy.
- The Region approves the project
- ITCG Luca Pacioli sends the approved "progetto" to every intern by mail.
- Every intern must immediately present the "progetto formativo" to an Italian consulate. For other documents and costs necessary to the visa process, it is necessary to consult the website of the Italian Consulate or that of the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C. For specific information, please contact a Consulate or the Embassy. Click here to find an Italian Consulate in your area: http://www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Washington/Menu/Ambasciata/La_rete_consolare/

Attention: Even without a "progetto formativo", you can obtain a normal "visto di soggiorno" upon entering Italy without going to the Consulate. These are valid for 90 days. It is much better to have the "visto di formazione" however, for the necessary insurance coverage.

How long will my internship last?

From a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 8 months. We have tried to satisfy both the needs of the schools and the desires of the interns. We will tell you both the length of your internship and the name of the school.

What work will I do in the school?

You will be an English language assistant, always in the classroom with an Italian teacher of English. Also, some schools will ask you to teach with the CLIL methodology (teaching subjects such as history, geography, mathematics, or science in English for a designated period of hours). Your tutor at the school and the teachers will help you. Also please read our website for further practical information.

<http://www.pacioli.net/it/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=29>

Who coordinates the project in Lombardy?

The ITCG Luca Pacioli in Crema (Cremona province). To contact the coordinators write an email to paciolicrema@tin.it. The teachers who coordinate the project are: Paola Severgnini and Cati Benelli. Always write to their attention (You may write to them in English)

Who will help me find lodging?

The tutor of the school where you are going for your internship will assist you in finding a place to stay.

Can I live with a family?

Yes, you can ask the tutor if it is possible to find a family to host you. It can be a wonderful (and cheap!) way to perfect your language skills and learn about Italian daily life and culture from insiders' perspectives.

How much will I be paid?

600 euros net monthly. You will be paid directly by the school where you do your internship.

May I find other work during my time in Italy?

Ask this type of information to the proper authorities at the Consular office, who will tell you all the details regarding the law on this question. Many students who have participated in this program have given private English lessons.

How long has this program existed?

2009-2010 will be the fifth year.

If you wish to contact assistants that have done this program in preceding years, we can give you the name of students available to respond:

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