

**Below are SAMPLE internship placements in the field of Early Childhood Studies. Please note that each internship experience is customized to the interests, skills, and experience of each applicant as well as the current needs of the internship site. Therefore, no past internship site can be guaranteed for future applicants.**

### Early Childhood Studies, 12-Week Internships

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**AUSTRALIA:** Alexandria Park Community School. Local elementary school, this internship placement includes interning within the business side of the school and also some teaching prep work.

**COSTA RICA:** Teaching at a small elementary school. The intern will work with elementary aged students at a small, local school. The intern will begin by assisting the teacher in the classroom, but will also be asked to create lesson plans and teach their own class.

**ECUADOR:** Early Education Program. Interns work with an organization that goes out into market around Quito, setting up safe areas for the children of the market workers to come and learn. This is the only education many of the children get, so interns play and teach with them. Other opportunities include more formal class settings during the summer for older student and teach subjects like English and Math.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Inner City School. This offers classroom-based experiences where interns assume the role of teacher aids. The teachers value assistance from interns in their frenetic classroom environments. As a teachers aid, the intern will gain a firsthand knowledge of the New Zealand primary school education system and observe the differences in the education system, to that of their own. The teaching of te reo Maori (indigenous language) and culture, plus other unique components of the local grade school education, will make this a valuable experience.

**BARCELONA (SPAIN):** Academia de Idiomas Big Ben. This is a small, community-oriented school dedicated to teaching English to children. Interns here will serve as a teacher aid to the school's professors. Their duties include creating activities and class work for students, and helping prepare students for the official oral English exam.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Children's Village. The children's village takes action for orphaned and abandoned children. They build and strengthen families for the children to live in and grow with love, security and respect. There are a total of 17 houses in the village and each home will accommodate eight to ten children. Each child is cared for as part of the family, and the children are raised like brothers and sisters. Household activities include all normal family activities, working within a budget, cooking, washing clothes, helping with homework etc.

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