



To Whom It May Concern:

Rebecca (Becky) Klassen has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for her as part of her application to your program. I am pleased to do so.

I have known Becky since March 2011 when I hired her to teach in the Center for English Proficiency and Academic Success (CEPAS) at Florida Southern College. She confidently took over a beginning level class and performed admirably, as she did in the numerous other classes she taught at CEPAS, from beginning to advanced and in all skill areas.

As a teacher Becky is patient, enthusiastic, and concerned about her students' progress. She has an easy-going classroom manner which sets her students at ease, and in a somewhat counter-intuitive sense, this keeps them even more engaged and on task. Becky also understands the importance of cultural immersion as part of the language learning process, and on occasions too numerous to mention she invited CEPAS students to a variety of cultural and community events. I personally heard from these students how much they enjoyed these activities and how much they learned about culture in the United States. Without these experiences the students would have missed out on an important dimension of living and studying overseas.

Becky can not only be relied on to deliver excellence in the classroom, she can also be entrusted with administrative duties. There was one occasion where I had to leave the program for a week and left Becky in charge of all student/teacher-related matters. This came at a particularly problematic time involving another instructor and a group of students. Becky handled the situation in a professional manner, and helped avert what could have escalated unnecessarily.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Rebecca Klassen for a teaching position at your institution. She would be a source of many valuable and positive contributions to any TESOL setting fortunate enough to have her. Please contact me at the email address below if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

David C. Braasch
Senior Faculty, University of South Florida
David82@usf.edu