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To whom it may concern:

Mr Lee Colburn – Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) MA

As the TESOL MA course leader I was in contact with Mr Colburn throughout his studies for his Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Master's degree which he took at the School of Humanities and Social Science, University of Brighton. Mr Colburn studied between February 2021 and May 2022. I taught him on four of his six taught modules, assessed four of his written assignments, and was his dissertation supervisor.

Mr Colburn was an intelligent, diligent and committed student who worked effectively within the modular framework of the MA. Through his choice of modules he linked the development of his understanding of applied linguistics, Second Language Acquisition theory, language awareness, second language teaching methodology, World Englishes, and the evaluation, use and design of language learning materials. During the course Mr Colburn drew on his practical experience teaching in South Korea to inform his academic enquires. His commitment to the design and delivery of effective lessons was most evident in his dissertation for which was awarded a Distinction. In this work he brought together all he had learned on the MA course to produce a dissertation which was insightful and constructive and which demonstrated his skills of reflection and critical thinking.

Throughout the course Mr Colburn attended all classes, was thoroughly prepared for seminars and read widely. His written work was of a high academic standard, and his contributions in seminars were considered, perceptive and constructive. He tackled new areas with energy and enthusiasm and his course work was exemplary in terms argumentation and analysis. Mr Colburn collaborated well with other students and lecturers and was happy sharing knowledge and experience. He coped admirably with the demands and challenges of postgraduate study. Throughout the course his intelligence, commitment, and drive in terms of academic enquiry were evident, and his award of a TESOL Master's degree at Distinction level is thoroughly deserved.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Lecturer and TESOL MA Course Leader



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Please find enclosed a letter of recommendation for **Lee Colburn**.

I was the module leader for two of the modules Lee studied as part of the **MA TESOL** at the University of Brighton: TE716 Language Awareness and TE711 Second Language Acquisition for which Lee received a MERIT and a DISTINCTION respectively. Lee was an exceptional student on both modules. Lee understands and can converse about complex concepts and can do so critically and accurately. The organisation, structure and presentation of Lee's written work was excellent, and he consistently displayed the ability to communicate effectively in specialist and non-specialist areas. His work was often insightful, and evidenced high quality analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and critical appraisal. Lee was an extremely popular member of the cohort due to his willingness to contribute and his ability to work effectively in groups. He was unfailingly polite and respectful to all staff and classmates. He attended every session and was always punctual and well prepared. Lee is hardworking, diligent and took responsibility for his own learning requiring very little additional support. I would highly recommend Lee and I am certain that he would be an asset and highly valued member of any institution or organisation.

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