

## **II. Background**

Diploma students of Sekolah Tinggi Bahasa Asing LIA (STBA LIA) have learned all teaching subjects, such as: Learning Theories, Language Assessment, Teaching Language Skills, Teaching Methodology and Planning, Teaching English for Children, Teaching Practicum, and Language Teaching Components. Diploma students have also experienced on teaching children at an early age in a program called Community English Program (CEP). CEP is a community service program of STBA LIA in the form of 14 session English course. In this program, all teaching students, both diploma and undergraduate students, are obligated to organize the continuity of this program, starting from recruiting children to join the program, making lesson plans, teaching, to making a graduation event.

In the sixth semester, diploma students need to take Teaching Practice Internship in order to fulfill the requirement to graduate. Teaching Practice Internship aims to implement what diploma students have learned during the previous five semesters and to improve what they have experienced at CEP as teachers.

This year, diploma students should also carry out a Teaching Practice Internship at LIA Language Institution like in previous years. However, the pandemic that attacks Indonesia and almost the whole world does not allow diploma students to do a face-to-face Teaching Practice Internship. This pandemic causes many offices, schools, and other institutions to close their institution, including STBA LIA and LIA Language Institution, meaning that diploma

students could not do Teaching Practice Internship in the actual class. Then, one day in May, Mrs. Ismarita and Mrs. Ellen as diploma students' mentors proposed an online Teaching Practice Internship. In this online Teaching Practice Internship, one diploma student will be a teacher and the other diploma students will act as the students. After that, Mrs. Ismarita attached documents that need to be studied by diploma students before they teach. Mrs. Ismarita also divided diploma students into two groups consists of three diploma students in each group. One group will be supervised by Mrs. Ismarita, and the other group will be supervised by Mrs. Ellen.

During the online Teaching Practice Internship, there will be only one teaching opportunity for each diploma student. Diploma students are obligated to make their own lesson plan before teaching, and they will be allowed to consult their lesson plan to their respective mentors. After that, each mentor will determine the date for the online teaching practice. During this online teaching practice, the mentor will observe the way they teach, give feedback, and grade them.