

II. Background

Diploma students of Sekolah Tinggi Bahasa Asing LIA (STBA LIA) have learned all the teaching subject such as; Learning Theories, Methodology and Teaching Planning, Language Assessment, Teaching Language Skills, Teaching Language Components, English for Children, and Teaching Practicum from the first semester until the fifth semester. Diploma students have also experienced teaching children at an early age in the event of the Community English Program (CEP), which is held every year at STBA LIA. CEP is an event program organized by students major in teaching at STBA LIA as community service in the form of an English course. All students major in English Teaching are required to hold events starting from creating a lesson plan, educating, to graduation.

Teaching Practice Internship is the requirement for Diploma students to fulfill in the sixth semester (last semester). Students have the opportunity to apply what they have learned over the past five semesters and their teaching experience in CEP. The purpose is to observe and implement the field of occupation as a teacher. Students are required to send a letter of application for an internship to the LIA institution that has been selected by the campus. At that time, we have held the internship application letter which will be sent to the LIA institution. However, the current condition does not allow students for Teaching Practice internships directly due to the presence of the coronavirus which causes all face-to-face teaching, and learning activities cannot be carried out. Therefore, we did not submit an application for an internship at the LIA institution.

The students were confused about the implementation of the teaching practice internship because of the Head of the Study Program, Ms. Ismarita Ramayanti, Ph. D still has not given us any news. It turned out that Ms. Rita was still waiting for news from the LIA on whether the teaching practice internship could still be done directly or not. Then Ms. Rita asked one of the students to create a WhatsApp group. In the WhatsApp group, there are supervisors, namely Ms. Rita and Ms. Ellen. After Ms. Rita received news from the LIA institution that they could not open classes because of the coronavirus, the internship had to be done online.

In the group, Ms. Rita gave briefings regarding practical internship activities by sending several documents such as PKL JUKNIS during the PSBB period, Lesson Plan Guides, Sample of Lesson Plans, Generic Enabling Objectives, PKL Assessment Forms, PKL Assessment Sheets during the PSBB Period, and PKL Zoom Meeting Evaluation.

Ms. Rita briefed students to make lesson plans for online teaching 30 minutes with free material determined by students but still according to the curriculum. Then the student must make a report on the internship practice after the activity is completed. Since there are 6 students, each supervisor will guide 3 students. The implementation is done online via the Zoom application. There is 1 student who becomes a teacher, 2 other students become students who play a role according to the age set by the teacher, then there is a supervisor who is also present to supervise the activity.

After the students received an explanation and direction, a new WhatsApp group was created for each of the supervisors and students. In early June, students sent their lesson plans to Ms. Rita via e-mail. After that, the lesson plan was corrected by the supervisor and students corrected it according to the correction. However, because

we did not have the original material from the lessons that we included in the lesson plan, we rushed to find new material and create new lesson plans according to the existing material. On June 30, 2020, Ms. Rita asked us for direct consultation.

We came for a consultation in the three of us so that we could get better advice and input. At that time the lesson plan with the new material was received by Ms. Rita and corrected. After that, we consulted again directly on July 6, 2020, and our lesson plan was again corrected by Ms. Rita. It turned out that there were still some things that needed to be fixed again, so we returned to sending the revised results of the lesson plan via email because there was still confusing news about the transmission of the coronavirus through the air. After Ms. Rita checked the revised results and accepted them, the final exam was held on July 16, 2020, with the rules and directions that have been submitted as explained.