

Graduate Certificate in English as a Second Language

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Certificate - The ESL program prepares educational leaders to meet the needs of diverse non-English speaking students in K-12 classrooms, and prepares educators to be culturally responsive.

Endorsement - The ESL endorsement program is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and graduates are eligible to apply for the endorsement to be added to their active Illinois teaching license.

Graduate degree opportunity - Combine the graduate certificate with an additional 20 credit hours of Educational Leadership course work to fulfill requirements for a Master of Arts in Education.

Grading policy - Passing at the graduate level is considered a B or higher. A maximum of eight hours of C (2.0) grades is applicable, provided that a minimum GPA of 3.0 is reached at the time of program completion and an approved Student Petition is on file in the Office of Records and Registration. Grades of C- or lower are not accepted.

Required Courses

EDL 550	Theoretical Foundations of Teaching English as Second Language	4
EDL 584	Assessment of ESL Students	4
EDL 592	Linguistics	4
EDL 593	Cross Cultural Studies for ESL	2
EDL 594	Methods and Materials for ESL	4
EDL 595	ESL Clinical Experience ¹	2
Total Hours		20

¹ This class may not be required for students who have met the clinical experience requirement of the Illinois State Board of Education for English as a Second Language Letter of Approval/Endorsement.