Online Graduate Certificate in K-12 English Language Learning (ESL)

Program Highlights

12 credit hours
In-state tuition: \$490/credit hour*
Out-of-state tuition: \$575/credit hour*

* Tuition is based on 2023-2024 rates and is subject to change.

- Convenient, 100% online graduate certificate program for working teachers and education-related professionals from UTEP's College of Education
- Can be completed in as few as two semesters
- Prepares those who are certified teachers for state ESL supplemental certification
- Allows all courses to be fully applied to the M.Ed. in Bilingual Education or M.A. in Linguistic Diversity and Educational Equity



Help Implement Language & Justice Policy Changes

The Graduate Certificate in K-12 English Language Learning (ESL) is a fully online, 12-credit program that provides intensive training for educators to serve K-12 emergent bilingual students (English learners) in ESL classrooms, as well as in other content-area classrooms. Coursework in this certificate program emphasizes the practical application of current theory, research, and pedagogy in ESL instruction, with particular attention to second language acquisition processes, linguistic diversity, translanguaging pedagogy, and the design and implementation of culturally sustaining ESL curriculum and practices.

The K-12 ESL Education Graduate Certificate program provides the content knowledge base needed for currently certified elementary, middle school and high school teachers who wish to seek English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental Certification in Texas or their home state.

All courses in this graduate certificate may be applied to the M.Ed. in Bilingual Education or the M.A. in Linguistic Diversity and Educational Equity at UTEP.



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Admissions Requirements

To qualify for admission into the K-12 ESL Graduate Certificate program, you must:

- Submit a completed graduate admissions application and application fee
- Have an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or greater
- Provide a resumé with your latest work experience and skills
- Write a statement of purpose demonstrating your personal and professional goals as related to the focus of the program

International students whose first language is not English must also submit:

 Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 79 on the online version, or 550 on the paper-based version

Admissions factors will be reviewed holistically to assess the potential of the applicant.

Curriculum

The 12-credit online K-12 ESL Graduate Certificate program requires you to successfully complete 4 master's-level courses.

Program Coursework

BED 5331	Foundations of Bilingualism and Teaching
	Emergent Bilinguals
BED 5310	Cross Linguistic Pedagogies
BED 5339	Academic Language in Dual Language Settings
RED 5343	Content Area Instruction for Emergent Rilinguals

Total Credits: 12

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.



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