

K-12 English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Specialist Certification Requirements

The K-12 English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Specialist Certification provides educators the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to address the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs) in a comprehensive program.

Candidates who successfully complete this program will be able to:

- apply knowledge of linguistics and the process of language acquisition to the planning, implementation, and management of ESL and content-area instruction.
- understand culture as it affects student learning.
- develop and use classroom-based and language proficiency assessment.
- cultivate professional relationships with colleagues, students, and families.

Note that all students must achieve 15 credit hours of coursework and complete 60 hours of fieldwork experience.

Required K-12 English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Specialist Core Courses – 15 credits

EDUC / MLST 428 Culture and Diversity of English Learners (3 credits)

EDUC / MLST 434 Instructional Methodology for English Learners (3 credits)

EDUC / MLST 435 Language Acquisition and English Linguistics (3 credits)

EDUC / MLST 436 Assessment of English Learners (3 credits)

EDUC / MLST 437 Protocols and Practices for PA ESL Programs (3 credits)

Additional Certification Requirements

1. Holds a PA Instructional I or II certificate or a valid out-of-state ESL certificate that is comparable to a PA Instructional I or II certificate, and
2. Completion of a state-approved ESL certification preparation program that includes a field experience/student teaching with ESL students. Out-of-state ESL programs will be reviewed according to the Pennsylvania ESL Specific Program Guidelines.

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