

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

ESL APPROVAL (FROM MULTIPLE INSTITUTIONS)

Four of our member institutions—Benedictine University, Concordia University Chicago, Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois at Springfield—offer the six courses necessary for an ESL approval/endorsement. In these three programs, teachers may enroll in the certificate sequence without enrolling in a master's degree program. The UIS program is fully online.

This six-course sequence is also an option embedded in Concordia's MA in Curriculum & Instruction and in NIU's MEd in Literacy Education with an emphasis in ESL/Bilingual Education. (See the "Academic Programs" section for information about these degrees.)

Specific course numbers and titles vary from institution to institution, but all provide coursework which fulfill the requirements established by the Illinois State Board of Education:

Requirements for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Approval

Persons seeking this approval must have a total of 18 semester hours of coursework required below and meet the other requirements:

- A valid professional Illinois teaching certificate.
- ESL clinical experience equal to 100 clock hours or three months teaching experience with ESL students.
- Credits totaling 18 semester hours distributed among the following course areas.
- Linguistics
- Theoretical Foundations of Teaching ESL
- Assessment of the Bilingual Student
- Methods and Materials for Teaching ESL
- Cross-Cultural Studies for Teaching Limited-English-Proficient Students

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