

ESL PROGRAM SPECIALIST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

English as a Second Language instruction is an area that continues to grow to match the needs of the growing diverse population in the United States. ESL teachers have been in high demand from PA school districts. General education teachers who can address the needs of English learners are highly sought-after for their multifaceted training. This certification will allow all Level 1, PA-certified teachers to obtain an ESL Program Specialist Certificate.

Learning about language acquisition and best practices for teaching students learning another language benefits all types of learners, especially those with language-based learning disabilities. This certification will bolster teachers' ability to differentiate instruction for a variety of students in their classroom. This certification provides a background in effective teaching strategies, second language acquisition theory, programming and assessment, awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity in the classroom, and policies and practices in teaching English learners. Students will have a practicum/field experience at the culmination of this program.

Students who have a valid PA Instructional I or Instructional II certificate and have completed the MU ESL coursework are eligible to receive ESL add-on certification from the PA Department of Education.

"The ESL Program Specialist Certification at Millersville University was an immersive, thought-provoking and comprehensive exploration and analysis of ESL instruction, with an emphasis on the state of Pennsylvania, for obvious reasons. The professors were exceptional and creative with their instructional approach, which generated a collaborative and intellectually stimulating atmosphere for advanced learning. It was one of the best graduate-level academic experiences of my educational career." ~ Miguel Antunes



REQUIRED CLEARANCES

- **ACT 114 – FBI Fingerprint Needed**
You must submit your FBI Fingerprint Clearance
- **ACT 34 – Criminal Record Check Needed**
You must submit your Criminal Record Check
- **ACT 151 – Child Abuse Clearance Needed**
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- **Negative TB Test or Chest X-Ray Needed**
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CURRICULUM

- EDUC 561 Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs and Assessment
- EDUC 562 Methods for Teaching English Language Learners
- EDUC 563 Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in the Classroom
- EDUC 564 Assessment, Policies and Practices in Teaching English Language Learners
- EDUC 565 Language and Literacy Interventions: Clinical Practicum

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