

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE/ESL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATE (K-12)

## Program Overview

This English as a Second Language/ESL Endorsement (K-12) Certificate program is for those educators already NJ-certified in another specialization area but who want to add the endorsement as an ESL teacher to help English Language Learners become fluent in the English language. This is a streamlined yet rigorous program of professional studies and teacher preparation that combines theory, research, fieldwork, and practice.

## Curriculum Overview

This endorsement certificate provides ESL teaching credentials for those already NJ-certified in another specialization. It is a 15-credit program requiring five teacher preparation courses offered in the late afternoon/evening.

## Certificate Offered

- English as a Second Language/ESL Endorsement Certificate (K-12)

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**Associated Department:** Department of Graduate Education, Leadership, and Counseling

## Related Programs

- Teaching (M.A.T.) (<http://catalog.rider.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/education/programs-certificates/ma-teaching/>)

## English as a Second Language/ESL Endorsement Certificate (P-12) Requirements

(15 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
CURR 548	Curriculum and Instruction for Diverse Learners	3
EDUC 520	Introduction to Linguistics and Psycholinguistics	3
EDUC 521	Teaching a Second Language	3
EDUC 560	Educating and Evaluating the Bilingual Child	3

## Courses and Descriptions

### CURR 548 Curriculum and Instruction for Diverse Learners 3 Credits

This course will examine the curricular and instructional issues that educational leaders must address in accommodating the school program to the needs and abilities of diverse learners. A historical perspective will be developed with an emphasis on how schools have responded to meet the needs of the exceptional child. Legal issues and programmatic trends will be examined and assessed since the inception of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Multicultural issues will be introduced within the context of school and society. The responsibility of the educational leader in fostering a multicultural perspective pertaining to curriculum and instruction, governance, bias and prejudice and school climate and culture will be emphasized. Students will identify and develop curricular possibilities and solutions in school settings to accommodate learners' diverse needs. Students will demonstrate course understandings through actual classroom and school applications that are referenced to state adopted core curriculum content standards, professional development standards, state adopted core curriculum content standards, professional development standards, standards and national school leadership standards.

**Prerequisite(s):** CURR 531, CURR 538.

### EDUC 520 Introduction to Linguistics and Psycholinguistics 3 Credits

This course provides an introduction to the properties of human languages and to their systematic study in the field of linguistics and psycholinguistics. Topics include the nature of human language as distinct from other communication systems; sound patterns (phonology), word-formation (morphology), sentence structure (syntax), and meaning (semantics) in the world's languages; relations to cognition, communication, and social organization; dialect variation and language standardization; language learning by children and adults; and the nature and history of writing systems. Intended for any undergraduate and graduate interested in language or its use. It is assumed that students have had no prior course work or exposure to linguistics and will begin with the basic assumptions that are shared by those who study language from a variety of perspectives. Students analyze their own speech patterns, investigate different speech acts in different languages and develop a research project using a linguistic construct in order to apply it to the second language classroom. Students present this project in a poster format to the university community at the end of the semester.

### EDUC 521 Teaching a Second Language 3 Credits

This course focuses on interactive methods of teaching a new language as well as cross-cultural understanding. Students learn to plan using national and state standards for language instruction, organize activities, design and direct language learning tasks, and assess learning. Includes theoretical positions on communicative language learning and teaching, the use and evaluation of currently used materials, the design of new materials, and field experiences in the language to be taught. Students develop their professional portfolio, participate in an E-seminar, prepare a unit of study, and present lesson segments. Open to prospective world language teachers, ESL and bilingual teachers, as well as practicing teachers seeking certification.

**EDUC 560 Educating and Evaluating the Bilingual Child 3 Credits**

An examination of the historical, legal and pedagogical aspects of the education of language minority students. Considers the design of school programs for minority students including legal mandates, testing, staffing and funding. Emphasis is placed on the evaluation of bilingual students as they enter, develop and exit from special programs of study.

**LITR 508 Literacy and the Bilingual/Bicultural Child 3 Credits**

Presents multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives on bilingual/bicultural children and their reading process. Strategies and materials for second language reading instruction are suggested and discussed.