TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) FOR PK-12 PRACTITIONERS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: E1-CERG-ESLP

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The Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) for PK-12 Practitioners is designed to provide theoretical foundations and culturally and linguistically responsive practices for teaching English learners.

Coursework emphasizes the intersection of culture, language, and identity, and its application to teaching culturally and linguistically diverse PK-12 learners. Each course includes fieldwork, offering opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills gained in coursework to teaching and learning with English learners. This certificate is ideal for in-service, licensed PK-12 teachers, as well as instructional assistants seeking to deepen their expertise in working with English learners. Additionally, it prepares licensed teachers to sit for the Praxis Subject Assessment in English to Speakers of Other Languages, which is required by the Virginia Department of Education for obtaining an add-on ESL endorsement.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8).

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDCI 510	Linguistics for PreK-12 ESOL Teachers	3
EDCI 516	Bilingualism and Language Acquisition Research	3
EDCI 519	Methods of Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners	3
Total Credits		**9**

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select six credits from the following:		6
EDCI 520	Assessment of Language Learners	
EDRD 515	Language and Literacy in Global Contexts	
EDRD 610	Content Literacy for English Language Learners, PK-12	
EDUC 537	Introduction to Culturally Linguistically Diverse Learners	
Total Credits		**6**