ESL Endorsement

Overview
The endorsement in English as a Second Language gives students an understanding of the nature of language, culture, instruction, assessment, and professionalism, and their interrelationships. ESL endorsement courses train a person to teach English at the elementary or high school level in public and private schools. English language learners are the fastest growing group of students in the United States today. Credit hours required: 18 + 100 clock hours of clinical experience.

Careers
- Pre K–12 Public and Private Schools

Program of Study
Course Requirements, across 5 domains (18 cr.)

1. Language
   TESL-402 Principles of Linguistics for Teachers
   TESL-420 Structure of Modern English
2. Culture
   TESL-445 Language Variation
3. Planning, Implementing, & Managing Instruction
   TESL-410 Techniques of Teaching English
4. Assessment
   TESL-468 Assessment of the Limited English Proficient Student
5. Professionalism
   TESL-414 Theories of Teaching ESL

Subject to change. See current University catalog for up-to-date information and be sure to contact the program advisor before signing up for classes.

Also see ISBE website for endorsement application: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ELIS/default.htm

Admissions
Students may take all the endorsement courses as a student at large. Since this coursework constitutes 50% of the coursework towards an MA in TESOL, many students choose to go on for the MA degree. The Graduate College does not allow a student to transfer more than 3 at-large courses into an MA program. For this reason, if you plan to continue on for the MA degree, it is wise to apply to the MA in TESL program right from the start or definitely before you have enrolled in your 4th endorsement course if you are unsure.

Attending Northeastern
- Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time.
- Students attend part-time.
- Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees).
- Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are sometimes available to help fund your graduate education, but only if you are enrolled in the MA program. Contact us for further details.

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