

**You may be eligible
for scholarship money!
(See reverse side)**

ESL Certification!

SUGGESTED COURSE WORK FOR

students interested in seeking supplemental teacher certification in

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

NOTE! English as a Second Language teaching does NOT require the knowledge of a specific language other than English. ESL teachers work with second language learners, but the teaching is done in English. ESL teaching is designed to help participants learn English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

The College of Education is offering a series of classes that will help you to pass the ESL certification exam and prepare you to apply ESL methods in your classroom.

ESL is not a stand-alone certification at UT currently, but these courses could help an individual pass the ESL certification test and add ESL certification to the current certification they are seeking (or already hold).

Two courses to help you prepare for the certification exam are currently offered during the summer session only. These two courses are:

- ◆ **EDC N370E Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL Methods course)**
- ◆ **EDC F350W All-level Teaching Practicum (ESL Practicum)**

One of the two classes addresses the methods you use as a teacher in your classroom with students for whom English is their second language, and the other course provides you with an all-level practicum experience.

PREREQUISITES NEEDED

In order to take these two courses in the summer, **you must have completed:**

- ★ **ALD 325 - Second Language Acquisition (available year round)**
- ★ **ALD 327 - Sociocultural Influences on Learning (available year round)**
- ★ **EDC 371 - Applied Linguistics (available year round)**
- ★ **Minimum one semester of the Professional Development Sequence (PDS) – The two ESL courses above are taken during the summer which falls during or following your PDS.**

ESL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION:

TEExES Test 154 English as a Second Language Supplemental (ESL)

Any student successfully completing these five courses as part of, or following, their certification program would be eligible for permission to register for the **TEExES Test 154: English as a Second Language Supplemental (ESL)**. Students who have already earned their initial certification can sign up for this exam on their own by just checking the “by examination” box on the TEExES registration form.

Although the **TEExES Test 154: English as a Second Language Supplemental (ESL)** covers issues from a pre-K to 12th grade perspective, the actual certification earned is only at the level in which one receives his or her teacher certification. In other words, if a student who is certified as an Early Childhood to Fourth Grade Generalist successfully passes **TEExES Test 154: English as a Second Language Supplemental (ESL)** test, he or she would in turn be certified ESL for EC-4 only. A secondary History major, on the other hand, would be certified secondary History ESL only.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

The Austin Independent School District, in a collaborative effort with The University of Texas at Austin and other teacher preparation programs in Travis County, has established a fund for future teachers seeking certification in state recognized critical shortage subject areas. These areas include:

- Special Education
- Bilingual Education
- ***English as a Second Language (ESL)***
- Languages Other than English
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Technology Applications

**Designated
High Need Field
in Texas!**

Undergraduate, Post-baccalaureate, or graduate students in last four semesters of coursework toward an **initial** teacher certification program in one of these areas are eligible to receive this scholarship if they are full-time students and have a 2.5 UT gpa. Students apply for this scholarship the semester **before** the first semester they wish to begin receiving the funds. Undergraduates can receive \$1000, \$1000, \$1500, and \$1500 for the last four semesters of their program, and post-baccalaureate and graduate students can receive \$1500 for each of their last four semesters.

Note: There is no requirement that you have to work for AISD, but they hope you would consider it!

If you are interested in seeking ESL certification, come by SZB 216 and speak with Sue Gamel Holzaepfel, Senior Academic Counselor, or one of the other advisors, to figure out a timeline and to sign up for the scholarship, or your UTeach advisor, if you are in Natural Sciences or Liberal Arts.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Students who have more questions about ESL certification should contact Sue Holzaepfel, Senior Academic Counselor - SZB 216. (471-3223), sgamel@mail.utexas.edu.

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