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Endorsement

The ESL Endorsement Program provides teachers and other professionals with specialized training in English as a Second Language. The Program focuses on methods of improving and facilitating a teacher's interaction with students whose native language is not English in :

- Public and private schools
- Professional language schools
- Colleges and universities
- International corporations and organizations
- Cultural exchange programs
- Curriculum development

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for Certified Teachers

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- The ESL Endorsement is a 20-credit cohort program, approved by the Michigan Department of Education.
- All courses may be applied toward Oakland University's Master of Arts in Linguistics.
- The entire Endorsement Program can be completed in one year. Ten credits (four courses) are offered on-line.

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Oakland University's ESL Endorsement Program is approved by the Michigan Department of Education. The Program consists of 20 credit hours, taken in sequence over 12 months with a cohort group.

Courses in the Program help teachers understand the linguistic and cultural problems that students have when English is not their native language. ESL training gives teachers tools to deal with these challenges so that students who speak other languages can become more integrated into classroom activities.

Need for Expertise in ESL

According to the 2000 Census, 18.4 percent of school-age children in the United States, nearly 1 out of every 5, speak a language other than English at home.

Locally, increases in foreign-born population have generated some astounding data. Statistics obtained from Oakland Schools indicate that more than 100 languages are spoken by residents in Oakland County. It is not unusual to have more than a dozen different languages spoken in a single K-12 classroom!

Program Benefits

- **Apply Credits toward a M.A. in Linguistics.** All courses listed under the requirements for the ESL Endorsement can be applied toward the Master of Arts in Linguistics with a Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESL) Specialization.
- **Complete the Requirements for Professional Teacher Certification in Michigan.** Courses are approved as a Planned Program.
- **Convenience.** Classes are held in the early evening during the fall semester and on-line during the winter and summer S01 session semesters. Summer S07 session classes are held during the day. Classes are scheduled to be held at the Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac, 48980 Woodward, Pontiac, MI 48342.

Admission

Applicants must be certified to teach in Michigan. Admission is competitive. Full requirements are available on the Department of Linguistics' Web site at www.lin.oakland.edu.

Course Sequence and Schedule*

Semester	Number	Title and Credit Hours	Semester	Number	Title and Credit Hours
Fall	LIN 510	Language Structure, Variation and Change (4)	Summer S01	ALS 632	Assessment and Compliance (2) on-line
Winter	ALS 570	Language, Culture and Society (2) on-line	Summer S07	ALS 530	Language Acquisition (2)
Winter	ALS 630	Language Pedagogy (4) on-line	Summer S07	ALS 640	ESL Practicum (4)
Summer S01	ALS 631	Curriculum Material Design (2) on-line			

*Courses sequence and scheduling are subject to change.

Application Process

Applications are currently being accepted for the ESL Endorsement Program scheduled to begin in the fall semester. Admission is selective. Enrollment in the cohort is limited to the first 25 qualified applicants.

Apply on-line to Oakland University's Graduate School: www.oakland.edu/grad/

Once Graduate Admissions and Student Services receive all necessary materials, application files are forwarded to the Linguistics Department for faculty review. Recommendations are made to Graduate Admissions and Student Services where a final decision on the application for admission is made. Applicants are then notified.

Application Deadline

August 1, 2010, is the deadline to apply. Admittance is limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Early application is recommended.

Questions

Responses to frequently asked questions are available on-line at: www.lin.oakland.edu/endorsement.html

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