

K-12 Teaching English as a Second Language/Dual-Language Accelerated Endorsement Program

Licensed teachers can earn a K-12 TESL/Dual Language endorsement in one year with our new, accelerated five-course program. Courses are held **online** with mostly asynchronous work and three (3) synchronous meetings by Zoom for each class. The accelerated program is fifteen (15) graduate credits and counts toward a master's degree should participants want to continue in the graduate program.

Who is eligible to participate?

This program serves current in-service teachers seeking endorsement certification. Pre-service teachers (those who do not hold a certificate in an instructional area) may contact osgp@tcnj.edu for information on other programs which lead to initial certification in Teaching ESL.

What are the benefits of this program?

- Timeline: Courses are sequenced so that participants can earn an endorsement in one year.
- Convenience: Courses are mostly asynchronous with only three (3) synchronous meetings by Zoom for each class.
- Reputation: Courses are taught by TCNJ faculty, bringing quality instruction to the district.
- Cost: Off-Site tuition is utilized and courses are currently \$1,803 each.
- Future Coursework: All courses required for the endorsement are part of the master's program, serving as a springboard for those wishing to pursue additional graduate study.

Tentative Timeline and Costs

Semester	Tentative Dates	Requirement/Class	Cost*
Spring 2021	TBD	Apply for Matriculation (App Fee+LiveText)	\$75+\$139
Summer 2021	May 17-Jun 5	ESLM 525 Second Language Acquisition Theory (3 cr.)	\$1,803
	Jun 14- Jul 2	ESLM 577 Sociolinguistics (3 cr.)	\$1,803
Fall 2021	Oct 11-29	ESLM 545 Language Structure (3 cr.)	\$1,803
Spring 2022	Jan 24-Feb 11	ESLM 578 Theory and Practice (3 cr.)	\$1,803
	Mar 14-Apr 1	ESLM 587 Curriculum and Methods (3 cr.)	\$1,803
	TBD	Comprehensive Exam	\$0
Spring 2022	TBD	ACTFL Exam for Certification (WPT and OPIc)	\$136
		Apply for Graduation and State Certification	\$95

*Current off-site tuition. Individual school district reimbursement policies may affect what teachers actually pay out of pocket for each course.

How do participants get started in the program?

- Interested students must complete a [pre-registration form](#) by **February 19** to express their formal interest in the program- seats are limited and will be offered on a first come/first served basis. The pre-registration form will collect contact information and will also allow participants to indicate their preferred course meeting time for online sessions. Based on responses, synchronous meetings will be designed around the preference of the majority.
- Applicants must submit an online application, application fee, copy of current teacher certification, copy of resume, and official undergraduate transcript as part of the matriculation package; essay and

letters of recommendation are waived for members of this off-site cohort. TCNJ staff members will provide detailed information on this process upon receipt of the pre-registration form.

Is Financial Aid available for this program?

To be eligible for federal financial assistance, graduate students must be enrolled in at least half-time status (5 cr.) for the semester during which aid is requested. Please review the tentative schedule above to see which semesters will likely include two courses, making students eligible for aid. Additionally, students may also take a course on campus or through Off-Site Graduate Programs (toward the master's degree) during any term to increase credits and become eligible for financial aid if needed.

What if participants miss a course?

It is beneficial not only to the student but to the cohort as a whole to have all students participating in each course throughout the endorsement sequence. There may be situations, however, which preclude a student from enrolling in a course or continuing on in the program. If students are unable to complete a scheduled course, they may take the course with a subsequent accelerated cohort (if available).

What is the workload?

Although coursework is offered online and through an accelerated model, this is a rigorous graduate program. Participants should anticipate a minimum of 5-7 hours of homework (reading, completing assignments/projects) per week. Copies of sample syllabuses are available for review prior to the start of each class.

After coursework, what are the steps to apply for endorsement?

- During the final semester, students will be required to apply for graduation (instructions will be provided).
- At the conclusion of the 5 course sequence (plus the comprehensive exam), students will need to take and pass the ACTFL exam (OPI and WPT) in English- this is required for TESL endorsement. TCNJ may be able to schedule an ACTFL administration for cohort students- more details will be provided at this time.
- Students will then complete an application for certification through TCNJ's Certification Office and pay a fee. Upon graduation, the Certification Office will send all cohort students' applications to the State of New Jersey as a batch and endorsements will be issued electronically.

What if participants want to complete the M.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second Language?

Teachers who want to continue on for the M.Ed. may count their 5 endorsement program courses toward the 10 courses required for the [master's program](#). Additional coursework for the M.Ed. can be taken on campus in Fall or Spring (~\$2,800 per course) or overseas through Off-Site Graduate Programs during the summers (~\$2,100 per course).

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