WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (MSE)

Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Leadership

Advance your effectiveness in supporting multilingual learners with the MSE in Curriculum and Instruction with an ESL Education focus. Designed for licensed educators, this program strengthens instructional practice and curriculum development for teaching English Language Learners in PK–12 settings. You'll explore research-based instructional theory, second language acquisition, and culturally responsive teaching strategies that support language development, academic achievement, and equitable access to instruction. Coursework emphasizes communication and culture, linguistics, assessment, and instructional methods for diverse learners, along with supervised clinical experience in ESL classrooms. The program prepares educators for ESL endorsement and licensure in Nebraska and supports advanced teaching roles. It does not lead to initial teacher licensure, and applicability in other states may vary based on certification requirements.

fast facts

Degree offered: Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Curriculum and Instruction – Instructional Leadership / ESL Education

Credit hours: 36

Cost per credit hour: $404 total *(includes $261.90 tuition + $142.10 fees)*

Delivery method: Online

Departments: Educational Foundations and Leadership; Language and Literature

Schools: Arts and Humanities; Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Second language acquisition principles
- ESL curriculum planning and alignment
- Culturally responsive instruction
- ELL assessment and progress monitoring
- Sheltered and content-based teaching strategies
- English linguistics for classroom application
- Instructional decision-making using data

Possible Careers

- ESL teacher
- English Language Learner (ELL) specialist
- Multilingual learner teacher
- ESL program coordinator
- Title III coordinator
- Instructional coach for language development

Types of Employers

- PK–12 public school districts
- Private and parochial schools
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- Charter and alternative schools
- District ESL and Title III programs
- Education nonprofits
- Newcomer and language support centers

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.

College of Distinction
Wayne State College has been recognized as a College of Distinction, an honor that highlights institutions for engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community, and successful outcomes.

Program courses

2026-27 Academic Year

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program requirements: 36 credit hours

Core courses (12 credit hours)

EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design 3
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation 0
EDU 652 Instructional Theory and Practice 3
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 3
Select one of the following 3

- EDU 674 History and Philosophy of Education (3)
- MAT 645 Current Trends in Mathematics Curriculum and Teaching (3)

ESL Education focus area (15 credit hours)

This endorsement requires an applicant to have a valid regular teaching certificate. See non-degree seeking endorsement only options for more information.

CNA 667 Leadership in Intercultural Communication 3
EDU 515 ESL Programs, Curriculum and Assessment 3
EDU 516 ESL Methods and Assessment 3
EDU 517 English as a Second Language Practicum PK-12 3
ENG 526 Linguistic Theory and Applications 3

Additional content requirements (0-12 credit hours)

Take enough electives to have a minimum of 36 hours for this program. Additional courses to fulfill the Curriculum and Instruction MSE (Elementary Education emphasis) degree requirements include:

EDU 600 Literacy through Literature for Children (3)
EDU 604 Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School (3)
EDU 626 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
EDU 627 Current Issues and Trends in Education (3)
EDU 629 Science of Reading-Early Childhood (2)
EDU 630 Science of Reading I (3)
EDU 631 Science of Reading II (3)
EDU 645 The Principal as Instructional Leader (3)
EDU 655 School Law: Constitutional Aspects and Cases (3)
EDU 657 School Organizational and Community Relations (3)
EDU 666 Supervision of Instruction for Elementary and Secondary (3)
EDU 682 Developing and Integrating Technology in the Classroom (3)
EDU 693 Final Research (2-3)
EDU 699 Thesis (0-6)
Any special education graduate level course by advisement

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