

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (PK-12)

Supplemental endorsement (graduate level)

Wayne State offers a non-degree graduate-level endorsement in English as a Second Language (PK-12). This is a supplemental endorsement and is designed only for those with a valid teaching certificate. All courses are offered online. This endorsement prepares educators to support English Language Learners through effective instructional strategies, culturally responsive communication, and meaningful assessment practices that promote language growth and academic success. Coursework explores ESL programs and curriculum, proven teaching methods for multilingual classrooms, and real-world application through practicum experience in PK-12 settings. Graduates are prepared to create inclusive learning environments that help multilingual students thrive in any classroom.

fast facts

Program offerings: Non-degree supplemental endorsement in English as a Second Language (PK-12)

Note: this endorsement is only available to students who hold a valid teaching certificate.

Credit hours: 15

Cost: \$389.40/credit hour

Delivery method: Online

Departments: Educational Foundations and Leadership; Language and Literature

Schools: Arts and Humanities; Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Teaching strategies for English learners
- Helping students build academic English
- Lesson planning for multilingual classrooms
- Assessing language skills and progress
- Setting goals based on assessment results
- ESL curriculum and program basics
- Language and linguistics for teaching
- Communication across cultures
- Practicum experience in PK-12 settings

Possible Careers

- ESL/ELL teacher (PK-12)
- English language development (ELD) teacher
- Multilingual learner specialist
- ESL program coordinator
- ESL curriculum specialist
- Title III support staff (ELL services)
- Family support specialist (ELL)
- Academic tutor

Types of Employers

- Public and private schools
- ESUs and regional agencies
- ELL/Title III programs
- Newcomer and multilingual learner support programs
- Community education and adult ESL programs
- Tutoring and academic 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.



Accredited by CAEP

WSC's educator preparation programs are nationally accredited by CAEP, providing assurance that our programs meet rigorous standards of excellence.

Program courses

2025-26 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.

English as a Second Language (PK-12) supplemental endorsement (15 credit hours)

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| 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 |
| EDU 621 Education Program Orientation..... | 0 |
| ENG 526 Linguistic Theory and Applications..... | 3 |

Licensure/certification information:

Wayne State's ESL Education supplemental endorsement for graduate students is designed to prepare you for initial teacher licensure/certification in Nebraska. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification in a state other than Nebraska, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that state to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

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