

Graduate Certificate in Language and Literacy Education

The Graduate Certificate in Language and Literacy Education is designed for individuals seeking advanced professional preparation to increase knowledge and skills in working with English language learners in the P-12 setting. Those who teach English language learners in public or private settings, both in the United States and abroad, may enhance their knowledge and practice by completing this standards-based program.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Concentration

The ESL concentration is for candidates who are seeking one of the following:

- Institutional Recommendation for an English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement on a current teacher certificate; or
- Advanced preparation in ESL for increasing professional performance in community programs.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/graduate/>).
- Satisfy the admissions requirements for the program:
 - Document professional background (must hold or be eligible to hold a teacher certificate from the State of Alaska if seeking an ESL endorsement).
 - Provide a minimum of two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's potential for program success.
 - Submit a current resume.
 - Submit a writing sample.
 - Contact the School of Education (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/>) for an admissions packet.

Background Check Requirements

See School of Education Field Placements (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/soe/#fieldplacementtext>).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Graduate Certificates. (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/gradcertrequirements/>)
- Meet the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Standards for ESL teachers.
- Complete the following program requirements:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| EDRL A671 | Language, Reading, and Culture | 3 |
| EDRL A674 | Foundational Theories of Language and Literacy Development | 3 |
| EDRL A675 | Language and Literacy Methods | 3 |
| EDRL A679 | Language and Reading in the Content Areas | 3 |
| EDRL A680 | Instruction and Assessment | 6 |
| Total | | 18 |

A minimum of 18 credits is required for the certificate.

This program includes courses delivered by distance. Admitted students must have the technological knowledge and skills to engage in distance learning.

Coursework applied to the certificate may apply to the M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning (UAA) and the Reading Specialist endorsement and M.Ed. (UAS) with program faculty approval.

State-Approved Verification Form and Alaska Teacher Certification

Following are the requirements for a state-approved verification form for an ESL endorsement:

- Professional Teacher Certificate or equivalent.
- Completion of all program requirements as indicated above.
- Posted Graduate Certificate on transcript.
- Demonstrated technology skills appropriate to the field.