



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
Where Learning Demands More

Endorsement or Approval in ESL and/or Bilingual Education



Are you a committed licensed teacher who is excited about making the educational landscape more inclusive for English language learners? Earn an approval or endorsement in ESL and/or Bilingual Education at Dominican University.

Our country's learning communities are increasingly diverse, and more and more districts are requiring teachers to obtain this endorsement. Dominican offers a convenient and affordable route to earning this high-demand endorsement and/or approval. Many districts have an immediate need for educators with these credentials.



If you have a valid Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) I endorsement on your current educator license, you are eligible to complete an English as a Second Language or Bilingual approval. The difference between the approval (9 semester hours) and the endorsement (18 semester hours) is that the approval allows individuals with an LBS I endorsement the ability to work with English language learners who hold an Individualized Education Plan (IEP); whereas, the full endorsement applies to the full age range that you are endorsed to teach.

Upon completion of the endorsement, you will have the option to take additional coursework and earn a Master of Arts in Education degree.



Our Program was Designed with Busy Educators in Mind

- Courses are completed online in 7.5-week sessions.
- Individual courses are implemented asynchronously: you don't need to be logged into the computer at a set time each week.
- Courses are completed consecutively not simultaneously: you will move through the program fluidly while mastering the content of one course at a time.
- Complete 100 clock hours in English as a Second Language or Bilingual field experiences (embedded in coursework) or three months of teaching experience in an English as a Second Language program.
- Time to complete: 3–4 semesters

What Can You Expect from Our Program?

You will

- Pick up teaching strategies that support multilingual students in your classroom
- Gain an understanding of the foundation of linguistics
- Examine multiculturalism and how it affects your students and their world
- Acquire methods for assessing English language learners

Our Faculty Is Here for You

- You will receive mentorship throughout the program from a faculty advisor.
- Courses are taught by experienced experts in the ESL/Bilingual field.
- All instructors offer firsthand knowledge and experience working with English language learners; many are ESL district supervisors.

The Dominican Difference

Our graduate education programs are built on a solid academic foundation and integrate the core values of rigorous scholarship, collaborative leadership and a commitment to service.

Dominican University's School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

NCATE standards are performance-based, focusing on the ability of teacher candidates to demonstrate the subject matter knowledge and professional skills necessary to help all students learn. Institutions must provide evidence that teacher education programs include qualified faculty and a commitment to preparing teachers to use educational technology.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Plan of Study

Requirements

A person may apply for the State of Illinois English as a Second Language Endorsement upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed curriculum while maintaining a grade point average of 3.00 out of 4.00.

In addition to coursework, candidates should note the following:

- English as a Second Language Endorsement must have 100 clock hours in English as a Second Language or bilingual field experiences (candidate must have access to English language learners) or have three months of teaching experience in an English as a Second Language program.
- Candidates seeking a Bilingual endorsement must successfully complete a language proficiency examination.
- Endorsements can only be added to a valid Illinois Professional Educator License. Upon completion of the coursework, apply for this endorsement through the License Office at Dominican University. Once entitled, you must apply for the endorsement in your Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account.
- Candidates for the approval must hold a valid Illinois Professional Educator License with a Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) I endorsement. Upon completion of the coursework, apply for this approval by submitting an application online in your Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account.

Curriculum for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement

All courses are three-semester hours

Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
Assessment of English Language Learners
Language and Culture
Linguistics and Language Development
Foundations of Language Minority Education
Elective

- Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Education or
- Literacy Development for English Language Learners

Curriculum for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Approval–Candidates Who Have Learning Behavior Specialist I Endorsement

All courses are three-semester hours

Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
Assessment of English Language Learners
Foundations of Language Minority Education

Curriculum for the Bilingual Endorsement

All courses are three-semester hours

Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Education Programs
Assessment of English Language Learners
Language and Culture
Foundations of Language Minority Education
Elective

- Linguistics and Language Development or
- Literacy Development for English Language Learners

Curriculum for the Bilingual Approval–Candidates Who Have Learning Behavior Specialist I Endorsement

All courses are three-semester hours

Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Education Programs
Assessment of English Language Learners
Foundations of Language Minority Education

For More Information

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