



Professional Studies Certificate in ESL

The Professional Studies Certificate (PSC) in ESL program for licensure as a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) serves candidates wishing to obtain Virginia licensure as an ESL teacher. Candidates completing this program will meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) requirements for teacher licensure as well as the endorsement in ESL (PreK-12).

All courses in the PSC in ESL program are available in both the Fall and Spring terms. The TESOL courses (TSL) are offered entirely online, while the rest of the courses are offered either at the Winchester or Ashburn campus or online. PSC in ESL candidates must earn between 24 and 33 credits, depending upon prior completion of initial education foundation courses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- 6 credit hours of a foreign language from a regionally accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- 2-3 page typed essay addressing your background and educational goals
- Passing Praxis I test scores (Consult admissions about SAT/ACT substitute tests)

TRANSFER CREDITS

- A maximum of 9 credits may be transferred
- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable
- Transfer credit must be approved by the Director of the School of Education & Human Development

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: Contact Abby Griffeth at agriffet@su.edu or Mary Kay Hester at mhester@su.edu
- Contact: Dr. Brenda Murphy at bmurphy@su.edu
- Apply online now by visiting:

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 33 credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Courses	Credits
PSYP510 Adv Human Growth & Dev	3
EDU510 Foundations of Education	3
EDU584 Classroom Management & Climate	3
RDG523 Foundations of Reading	3
TSL502 Linguistics for TESOL	3
TSL523 Methods & Materials for Language Teachers	3
TSL541 Language & Culture	3
TSL561 Second Language Acquisition	3
TSL524 Assessment for Language Teachers	3
EDU661 Internship in Elementary/Middle/Secondary in Endorsement Field	6
OR	
EDU 613 Management & Mentorship I	3
EDU 614 Management & Mentorship II	3
(These two courses are for provisionally licensed teachers)	
Passing score on Praxis II (when it becomes effective) and VCLA	
Total	33