

# FAQs

## Will these classes apply towards a Master's Degree?

Yes! All coursework for the ESL endorsement from KSU can be applied toward a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. For more information on the Master's Program, please contact our office at 888-ESL-KNOW.

## Can I transfer coursework from another university?

Yes. There is a specific process for transferring courses from other universities. Please call 1-888-ESL-KNOW for details outlining this process.

## Is it possible to complete the coursework on my own?

We highly encourage participants to work as a collaborative group, as the assignments are formatted to be completed with group discussion. However, if circumstances do not allow, you can complete the courses individually. You must obtain permission to do so by contacting our office at 1-888-ESL-KNOW.

## When is the best time to start?

Now! It is recommended that students begin their coursework in the fall semester by taking the ESL Methods course, but you can also begin in the spring by taking ESL Assessment.



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**Special Assistance**  
The Kansas State University Division of Continuing Education is committed to making programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to disabilities or dietary restrictions, please contact the Division of Continuing Education Registrar at (785) 532-5566 at least three weeks before the start of the course. After that date, we will make every effort to provide assistance but cannot guarantee that requested services will be available.

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# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## A Distance Education Endorsement Program



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# ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

Harold Hodgkinson, leading demographer in educational research, has predicted that by the year 2025 over half of our children in K-12 will be of a minority background. Kansas has seen an increase in its ESL population of over 400% in the last five years (KSDE). Additionally, while many schools still work with these populations through "pull-out", research overwhelmingly shows that instruction in the content area is by far the most effective way to help this population not only succeed in the classroom, but also in acquiring English fluency.

Kansas State University has a proven, research based program to assist teachers in gaining the necessary knowledge in order to effectively teach Culturally and Linguistically Diverse [CLD] students in the classroom. For over ten years Dr. Socorro Herrera and Dr. Kevin Murry have been in the forefront of educational research as it pertains to CLD students, and continue to research, publish, and distribute their findings on both the state and national levels.

While taking classes through distance education requires discipline and dedication, it is not a solitary process. The collaborative group format is utilized in this program, giving participants the opportunity to work directly with peers to complete a majority of the coursework. It is recommended that those interested in the program ultimately work with fellow educators in the same school or district for maximum learning.



# STEPS TO SUCCESS

## AM I RIGHT FOR THIS PROGRAM?

- I have a valid teaching\* license in the state of Kansas.
- I am comfortable collaborating and submitting assignments online.
- I am able to attend an on-site session once a semester for each course.
- I have a passion for helping all children learn.

\*please note that early childhood and counseling licenses are not eligible for ESL endorsement through the state.

If you answered "yes" to all of the above criteria, then you are ready to begin the journey!

## HOW IT WORKS:

The State of Kansas requires that students seeking to add the ESL Endorsement to their current Kansas Licensure complete 15 hours of coursework and the PRAXIS II competency exam. The entire program is available through K-State, with auxiliary support provided through a toll-free number, e-mail, and our website. Students enroll in one course per semester, and attend an introductory session at the nearest site. After the introductory session, students work in collaborative groups to complete assigned work according to a given timeline, and submit all assignments electronically.

## COURSES:

### FALL SEMESTER

- EDCI 720 ESL/Dual Language Methods
- EDCI 731 ESL/Dual Language Linguistics
- EDCI 745 Elementary Practicum or EDCI 746 Secondary Practicum

### SPRING SEMESTER

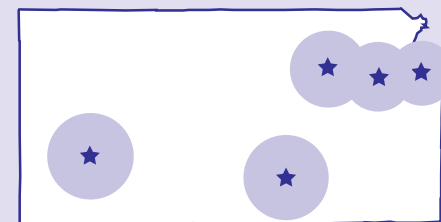
- EDCI 742 ESL/Dual Language Assessment
- EDCI 740 Curriculum Materials for Dual Language Learners (Multicultural)
- EDCI 745 Elementary Practicum or EDCI 746 Secondary Practicum

### SUMMER SEMESTER

- EDCI 740 Curriculum Materials for Dual Language Learners (Multicultural)
- EDCI 731 ESL/Dual Language Linguistics

## WHAT'S THE COST?

K-State's tuition rates are very competitive with other universities. Distance education fees are the same whether or not you are a Kansas resident. Tuition includes a per-credit-hour charge and additional fees for services such as licensing, technical support, and media services. Check [www.dce.ksu.edu](http://www.dce.ksu.edu) for the total cost of each class.



## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE ESL ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

*"My studies have actually helped me recognize and understand the needs of ELL students. It has also helped me be more conscious about developing appropriate lesson plans not only for language learners but for all of my students. I have found that good practice for ELL students is beneficial for all students."*

– Daniel Benefiel, Wichita

*"It was one of the best things I've done for myself educationally. Taking the ESL Endorsement classes has given me the chance to help myself and my fellow co-workers give all of our students a chance to grow and learn."*

– Donna Glover, Peabody

*"...teaching the newcomers ESL class I have encountered several of my students that are in the silent period. They will speak their native language to their friends and the para-professional that translates for them, but they do not speak or even try to speak English to me. I thought that the students did not like me as a teacher or did not like the activity we were doing. It never occurred to me that they were learning the new language by listening to me."*

– Julia Duggin, Wichita



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