



WELCOME

USC Upstate has long been known for its fully-accredited and exceptional School of Education, which prepares classroom teachers for work in early childhood, elementary, middle and secondary school settings. The School of Education also offers Master of Education degrees in early childhood education, elementary education and special education with a concentration in visual impairment as well as a post-baccalaureate certificate program in teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Teachers with knowledge and skill in teaching second language learners are needed at every grade level in South Carolina as well as across the United States. An ESOL endorsement may be added to any South Carolina teaching certificate: early childhood, elementary, middle grades, secondary, special education, or physical education. Additional courses beyond the post-baccalaureate certificate may be needed to meet all S.C. certification requirements depending on students' academic backgrounds.

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“Knowing how to effectively teach English Language Learners is a must for the 21st Century teacher. Courses at Upstate prepare teachers to design and implement lessons and assessments to meet the unique needs of diverse students.”

Lisa Moody
Arcadia Elementary



“I have greatly enjoyed my studies in the ESOL program at USC Upstate. Not only am I adding a new certification to my teaching license, but I am also learning ways to accommodate my current classroom for students who need language assistance. The ESOL program truly feels like a caring learning community. Plus, it is very convenient for working teachers. I highly recommend it to anyone who really wants to help our newest Americans.”

Ashlen Foster
Mayo Elementary/Hendrix Elementary

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

The USC Upstate Post-Baccalaureate Certificate is a 15-credit hour program designed for K-12 school personnel who wish to advance their professional development and enhance their knowledge and expertise in ESOL.

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in ESOL program is offered in a 12-consecutive month sequence. The fall and spring courses require practicum experiences in which candidates must work directly with speakers of other languages either in after-school or weekend programs, to meet course expectations.

Graduate candidates may elect to complete their program at a slower pace, as long as the program is completed within three years. Courses towards the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate are presented in the suggested order, but students may begin their coursework anytime throughout the year.

The USC Upstate School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the South Carolina Department of Education and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

ADMISSION FOR A NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENT

Students wishing to enroll who do not wish to pursue a graduate degree at USC Upstate must submit the following admission materials:

- Teaching certificate or a letter indicating full-time employment by a school district (*i.e. PACE program or interns*)
- Application for Non-Degree Seeking Graduate Students
- \$10 application fee
- A state residency status form
- Citizenship Verification Form accompanied by all required legal documents



SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSEWORK

The Program

Specialized Preparation (12 credits)

SSLL 708: Introduction to Linguistics

SSLL 718: Techniques for Teaching English to K-12 Second Language Learners

SSLL 728: Literacy Instruction for K-12 Second Language Learners

SSLL 760: Practicum in Teaching English to K-12 Second Language Learners*

*Practicum hours are divided across two semesters and are corequisites for SSLL 718 and SSLL 728.

II. Elective, one from the following (3 credits)

SSLL 748: Linguistic and Cultural Diversity

SSLL 758: Assessment of K-12 Second Learners**

SEPS 732: Enhancing Learning of Diverse Cultures

**Also requires one corequisite practicum hour

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