



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents
ESEA Title III MLP Coordinators
Personnel Administrators
Certification Renewal Coordinators
Principals

FROM: Mary Hipp
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RE: Ellevation Professional Learning Opportunity for the South Carolina ESOL
Certification Endorsement

As the population of multilingual learners (MLs) continues to grow and strengthen communities in South Carolina, it is essential for educators to enhance their knowledge and be prepared to meet the needs of all students. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has approved the Ellevation professional learning opportunity for educators to earn the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) certification endorsement. This professional learning opportunity allows educators to increase their knowledge of MLs while earning their ESOL endorsement.

The [Ellevation Professional Learning Opportunity for the South Carolina ESOL Certification Endorsement guidance](#) outlines the process and requirements for educators seeking an ESOL endorsement through this opportunity. These requirements include the following steps:

1. Complete the South Carolina Ellevation [opt-in request](#).
2. Asynchronously complete coursework as outlined in the guidance document.
3. Submit a [help desk ticket](#) within Ellevation requesting a review of coursework completed after each module.

4. After completing all coursework as outlined in the guidance, receive the Ellevation certificate of completion.
5. Email the Ellevation certificate of completion to TitleIIIMLP@ed.sc.gov.
6. Receive the SCDE certificate of completion.
7. Request the ESOL certification endorsement through [My SC Educator Portal](#) and upload only the SCDE certificate of completion.
8. Present the SCDE certificate of completion to the district renewal coordinator to receive renewal credits.

For any questions regarding the Multilingual Learner Program (MLP), please contact the Title III/MLP office at TitleIIIMLP@ed.sc.gov. For questions regarding renewal credits and ESOL endorsement requirements, please contact the Office of Educator Services at certification@ed.sc.gov.