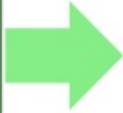
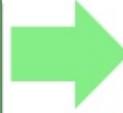


**1**  
ESOL  
Certification

**ESOL Coursework  
(accredited university)**  
5 courses and Practicum



**SC Full ESOL  
Certification**  
Credits may apply towards a  
degree



Please review your district policy for additional information about certification requirements. Many districts require educators to hold an ESOL certification or to be working towards a certification upon **employment as an ML Program Specialist/Teacher.**

Guidelines and Requirements for Adding Certification Fields and Endorsements

**2**  
ESOL  
Endorsement  
Pathway

**ESOL Coursework  
(accredited university)**  
2 Courses and Practicum



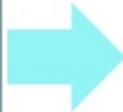
**SC ESOL Endorsement**  
Credits may apply towards ESOL  
Certification and/or a degree.



A district can request a permit in a teaching field (or some service fields) if the educator has 12 hours toward the field they will be granted a one year permit. (Contact the Educator Certification office for more information)

**3**  
ESOL  
Endorsement  
Pathway

**Ellevation Professional  
Development**  
21 Modules 31.5 Hours  
Practicum 42 Hours  
FREE for Educators at participating districts.



**SC ESOL Endorsement**  
Credits **DO NOT** apply towards  
ESOL Certification and/or a degree.



**Note:** No grade levels are associated with endorsements, only certification fields. Therefore, **an endorsement does not extend an educator's certification to teach outside their area of certification** (e.g., a certified K-3 teacher may not teach/serve MLs in grades 4-12 as they do not hold appropriate grade level certification to teach at that level).

**4**  
ESOL  
Professional  
Development

**Ellevation Professional  
Development**  
Module(s) Completion  
to earn PD Renewal Credit hours  
FREE for Educators at participating districts.

**Is the ESOL certification endorsement worth it?**

The short answer is yes. No matter what subject you teach, you probably have multilingual learners (MLs) in your classroom.

“Every teacher is a language teacher and there is a shared responsibility for the success of all our students. This makes having shared expectations and common language important”.

(WIDA - Teacher Voices: Cooperative Assessing, NCIC Immersion School, China \*

For additional certification questions, contact the Educator Certification Office at [certification@ed.sc.gov](mailto:certification@ed.sc.gov) and (803) 896-0325.

