

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

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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)

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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).

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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 and (803) 896-0325.

