

English as a Second Language — Program Specialist Certificate

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Kutztown University has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be a provider for the Program Specialist Certificate – English as a Second Language. Courses are taught at Kutztown University, in the Reading area, and in the Allentown area. Please check the university website for exact times and locations that ESL courses are offered.

The following requirements are part of the course of study for this program.

I. Class work (12 hours)

ENG	334	Introduction to English Linguistics
EDU/MLS	433	Cultural Awareness/Sensitivity for ESL/ELL Program Specialists
EDU/MLS	434	Instructional Methods, Materials, and Assessments for ELL/ESL Populations
EDU/MLS	435	English Language Acquisition and Awareness for ELL/ESL Populations

II. Certification

Students must have a valid PA Instructional I or II Certificate to complete the program.

III. Competency

All courses must be passed with a “C” or higher.

IV. Fieldwork

A fifteen-hour (15-hr) fieldwork experience must be completed.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED COURSES

ENG 334 Introduction to English Linguistics — A comprehensive study of the grammar of American English: its sound system, its morphological system, and its syntax from the structural and generative-transformational standpoints. **PREREQUISITE:** ENG 023 or its equivalent.

EDU/MLS 433 Cultural Awareness/Sensitivity for ESL/ELL Program Specialists — This course is designed to prepare English as a Second Language (ESL) program specialists to facilitate the integration of English Language Learners (ELLs) and their families into the host school and community. As well, the course facilitates school staff members’ understanding of multi-cultural and multi-language learners’ needs and support strategies so as to maximize the educational experience. Participants in this course will undertake a comparative approach to similarities and differences between the US culture and other cultures with the goal of developing cultural understanding and sensitivity of ELL/ESL students and families living in the US culture.

EDU/MLS 434 Instructional Methods, Materials, and Assessments for ELL/ESL Populations — This course is for English as a Second Language (ESL) practitioners in partial requirement for the Pennsylvania Program Specialist – ESL Certificate. This course offers research-based information relative to the design and implementation of an ESL program; methods, strategies, and resources for ESL programs; the use of computer technology (hardware and software) for ELLs; the use of audio/visual media for ELLs; the adaptation of instructional strategies and materials to address the specific needs, talents and interests of ELLs; the integration of multicultural information for ELLs through various curricula; the development, implementation, and evaluation of varied curricular and instructional activities for diverse ELLs; metacognitive awareness and strategic planning of ELLs to assist them in regular classrooms; and the acculturation process regarding reading, writing, speaking, listening, and culture.

EDU/MLS 435 English Language Acquisition and Awareness for ELL/ESL Populations — This course is for English as a Second Language (ESL) practitioners in partial requirement for the Pennsylvania Program Specialist – ESL Certificate. This course offers an overview of the English language, including grammar, pronunciation, and lexical, morphological, syntax and phonological components, for use in the ESL classroom. Students will learn about first and second language acquisition and the process of literacy development. Additional focus will be placed on non-verbal communication in English-speaking communities. Students will learn appropriate assessment methods for evaluating the effectiveness of instruction.