**Fast Facts**

- 20 Credits
- 1.5+ Years to Complete
- Online: Interact in a Virtual Classroom
- College Accreditation: National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- In-State Tuition Regardless of Residency

**About the Certificate**

The University of North Dakota's online Graduate Certificate in English Language Learner (ELL) Education prepares you to serve linguistically and culturally diverse students in K-12 educational settings.

Through online courses and practicum experiences, you will learn to:

- design and implement instruction that integrates English language development with academic learning.
- assess language proficiency levels of ELLs and use assessment results to plan instruction.
- apply knowledge of linguistics and second language acquisition to ELL instruction and assessment.
- understand the needs of ELLs from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- design and evaluate the effectiveness of ELL programs.

**Program Outcomes**

As a graduate of the program, you will:

- possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective ELL teacher.
- understand the complex linguistic, educational, and cultural variables in teaching ELL populations.
- gain the skills needed to assist ELL populations in reaching their full potential.
- understand research and scholarly literature in ELL education.
- help meet the growing need for ELL educators, especially in rural areas.
- be equipped to become a contributing member of an increasingly global, multicultural society.
- become a collaborator, leader, and advocate for ELL populations in schools and society.

**Certificate Requirements**

20 credits are required for graduation, with a minimum of the following:

**ELL Education Courses = 11 Credits**

- T&L 514 – Introduction to Multilingual Education (3 credits)
- T&L 537 – ELL Methods & Materials (3 credits)
- T&L 550 – Assessment & Evaluation of ELLs (3 credits)
- T&L 580 – Practicum in Schools: ELLs (2 credits)

**Cognate Courses = 6 Credits**

- T&L 513 – Linguistics for ELL Teachers (3 credits)
- T&L 551 – Second Language Acquisition for ELL Teachers (3 credits)

**Foundation Courses = 3 Credits**

- EFR 506 – Multicultural Education (3 credits)

“**The English Language Learners program really gave me a leg up. I always knew that I wanted to be a specialist where I could work with small groups of students. The ELL endorsement opened more doors for me.”**

— Kerri Whipple, West Fargo, ND

**Help fulfill the growing demand for ELL educators!**
**How Online Certificates Work**

Regardless of where you live, you may earn your Graduate Certificate in English Language Learner (ELL) Education online from the University of North Dakota while you continue to live and work in your own community. You are **not** required to visit campus at any time.

**Virtual Classroom - Learn Anywhere at Anytime**

- Access course materials
- View recorded classroom lectures
- Communicate through message boards
- Submit assignments
- Take tests
- View grades

**Local Practicum - 60 Hours (Required)**

- Supervised ELL teaching experience
- Completed at a public school in or near your community

**In-Person Seminar (Recommended)**

- Occurs once a semester
- Held on the UND campus or in conjunction with a Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) conference in the region

**Who Should Apply?**

The part-time, online ELL Education program is designed for:

- certified teachers preparing to teach English to speakers of other languages.
- certified or non-certified individuals wishing to study and research the area of ELL education.
- non-certified individuals working in related professions wishing to gain knowledge and skills in the area of ELL education.

**NOTE:** Teacher licensure is **not required for admission into the program.**

Completion of this program does not lead to initial teacher licensure.

**Admission Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree in education or related field from a regionally accredited institution
- Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 overall or 3.00 in last 2 years of undergraduate study
- A minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 on the paper-based or 213 on the computer-based test if your native language is not English
- Completion of a criminal background check prior to beginning the ELL practicum for those students not currently employed with a public K-12 school

**Application Process**

- Carefully review the UND Graduate School website (graduateschool.UND.edu) for complete details.
- Create a MyGradSpace account in order to complete the online application form and submit your non-refundable application fee. For Graduate Certificate Programs, you are **not** required to submit a statement of goals and objectives or letters of recommendation.
- Submit your official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities (including UND).

**Tuition & Assistance Programs**

Regardless of your residency status, you will be charged the **in-state, resident tuition rate** for this online program. Additional course and/or program fees may apply. For current tuition information, please visit our website.

**Tuition Assistance**

UND accepts employer, military, and veteran tuition assistance. Graduate Certificate programs do **not** qualify for financial aid programs.

**Application Deadlines**

For full admission, you must submit your application and all required documents by the following deadlines:

- Summer Semester: Apply by March 1
- Fall Semester: Apply by June 1

Get Started Today!