Fast Facts

• 35 Credits
• 2+ 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 Degree

The online Master of Education (MEd) in English Language Learner (ELL) Education prepares you to serve linguistically and culturally diverse students in K-12 educational settings. The online ELL Education program also provides you with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach:

• bilingual education
• adult ELL education
• English abroad

Through online courses and practicum experiences, you will learn to integrate English language development with academic learning, assess language proficiency levels of ELLs, understand the needs of ELLs from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and design and evaluate ELL programs.

As a graduate of the online ELL Education 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.
• become a collaborator, leader, and advocate for ELL populations in schools and society.

NOTE: Completion of the program leads to eligibility for the North Dakota ELL teacher endorsement and may partially or completely fulfill endorsement requirements in other states. Please check with your state’s teacher licensing board to verify if UND’s program will meet your state’s requirements for an endorsement or credential in ELL teaching.

Help fulfill the growing demand for ELL educators!

Degree Requirements

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

ELL Education Courses = 18 Credits

• T&L 514 – Introduction to Multilingual Education (3 credits)
• T&L 523 – Literary Instruction for ELLs (3 credits)
• T&L 537 – ELL Methods & Materials (3 credits)
• T&L 550 – Assessment & Evaluation of ELLs (3 credits)
• T&L 568 – Research & Advocacy in TESOL (3 credits)
• T&L 580 – Practicum in Schools: ELLs (3 credits)

Foundation Courses = 6 Credits

• EFR 500 – Foundations of Educational Thoughts (3 credits)
• EFR 506 – Multicultural Education (3 credits)

Cognate Courses = 6 Credits

• T&L 513 – Linguistics for ELL Teachers (3 credits)
• T&L 567 – Language Structure & Analysis for ELL Teachers (3 credits)
• T&L 551 – Second Language Acquisition for ELL Teachers (3 credits)

Scholarly Project or Independent Study = 2 Credits

• T&L 995 – Scholarly Project (2 credits)
OR
• T&L 997 – Independent Study (2 credits)

Of the 35 credits needed to graduate, you must complete:

• 3 credits of a 90-hour practicum
• 18 credits at or above the 500 level
• 26 credits from UND (may transfer up to 9 credits from another institution)
Master of Education in ELL Education

How Online Degrees Work

Regardless of where you live, you may earn your Master of Education (MEd) 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 - 90 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
- 3 letters of recommendation on your academic and/or professional abilities
- 2-3 page personal statement essay
- 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. You will be prompted for additional requirements as necessary, including a non-refundable application fee, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of goals and objectives.
- Submit your official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities (including UND).

Tuition & Financial Aid

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.

Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance
As a degree-seeking student taking semester-based online courses, you may qualify for financial aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application UND requires to determine your eligibility for financial aid.

UND also accepts employer, military, and veteran tuition assistance.

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

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