

UNL's New ELL Certification Pathway

The pathway for K-12 ELL certification is newly revised and streamlined to better meet the needs of Nebraska's English language learners (ELLs) and their teachers. The new program features a new course, TEAC 813M Teaching ELLs in Content Areas, and more balanced and comprehensive practicum experiences in a variety of English as a second language (ESL) classrooms.

Following are the courses in the new ELL certification pathway:

TEAC 813A Second Language Acquisition

In *Second Language Acquisition*, we study theories of how second languages are learned with particular emphasis on school-aged learning of English. **This course is typically offered summer/fall semesters (online).

TEAC 813B ESL Curriculum and Teaching

In *English as a Second Language (ESL) Curriculum and Teaching*, we explore, experience, and try out instructional approaches and curricula for teaching ESL in K-12. **This course is typically offered fall semesters (campus).

TEAC 813J Cross Cultural Communication

In *Cross Cultural Communication*, we examine how culture, power, identity, and language are intertwined in multilingual and multicultural schooling. **This course is typically offered spring semester (online).

TEAC 813K Linguistics for the ELL Teacher

In *Linguistics for the ELL Teachers*, we build our understanding of the English language from the perspective of the ESL learner. (TEAC 838 Linguistics for the Classroom Teacher is a temporary substitute for this course.) **This course is typically offered summer/fall semesters (campus).

TEAC 813M Teaching ELLs in Content Areas

In *Teaching ELLs in Content Areas*, we learn the language of content areas and develop approaches for teaching language and content simultaneously. **This course is typically offered spring semesters (online) and summer semesters (campus).

TEAC 897E ESL Practicum

In the *ESL Practicum*, teacher candidates engage in guided, long-term teaching of ESL within one or more K-12 classrooms. **This course is typically offered spring semester. All six courses are three credit hours, and the program can be completed within a year. The new ELL certification pathway is available to all certified teachers, and these courses fit within most master's or doctoral degree programs of study.

Undergraduates wishing to pursue ELL certification can take nine credit hours in the ELL certification pathway and qualify for provisional ELL certification. Courses available for undergraduates within the ELL certification pathway are:

TEAC 413A Second Language Acquisition

TEAC 413M Teaching ELLs in Content Areas

TEAC 438 Linguistics for the Classroom Teacher (substitute for TEAC 813K)