

TEACHING ENDORSEMENTS, UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE

Endorsements Overview

Gifted and Talented Endorsement Overview

This program offers individuals currently certified to teach at the elementary, middle grade, and secondary levels, an additional certification option in Gifted and Talented Education. This certification supports educators in strengthening their professional knowledge and instructional practices to effectively identify, challenge, and support students with gifts and talents across diverse educational settings. Candidates develop an understanding of the intellectual, social-emotional, cultural, and curricular needs of gifted learners while exploring differentiated instruction, program development, assessment, creativity, and leadership in gifted education. The endorsement prepares educators to serve as gifted education teachers, instructional leaders, program coordinators, and advocates for advanced learners.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement Overview

This program offers individuals currently certified to teach at the elementary, middle grade, and secondary levels, an additional certification option in English as a Second Language (ESL). This certification supports educators in enhancing their professional skills and expanding their understanding of language acquisition, culturally and linguistically responsive instruction, and effective educational practices for multilingual learners. Candidates examine the linguistic, sociocultural, psychological, and educational foundations of second language learning while developing instructional strategies that promote academic language development across content areas. The endorsement prepares educators to serve as ESL teachers, instructional leaders, advocates for multilingual learners, and collaborative partners in diverse school settings. Candidates must meet all state requirements for ESL endorsement certification.

Literacy Specialist Endorsement Overview

This program offers individuals currently certified to teach at the elementary, middle grade, and secondary levels, or variations thereof, an additional certification option in Literacy Specialist (P-12). This certification supports educators in improving their professional skills, extending their knowledge of literacy instruction, and increasing their understanding of the intellectual, philosophical, sociological, psychological, and cultural foundations of effective education. Candidates develop expertise in reading and writing instruction, assessment, intervention, and literacy leadership to support diverse learners across grade levels. The endorsement prepares educators to serve as literacy specialists, instructional leaders, teacher mentors, literacy coaches, and instructional facilitators. Candidates must pass the Reading Specialist PRAXIS II exam to earn the Literacy Specialist endorsement.

Admission Requirements

A bachelor's or master's degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale; or a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last 30 hours of credit completed, including undergraduate and graduate coursework.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 13.0699

Teaching Endorsements

Code	Title	Hours
Choose 1 Endorsement Area		18
	ENDR Gifted Education	
	ENDR Literacy Specialist	
	ENDR Teaching English as Second Language	

Certification Examination: While the passing of the certification examination is not a requirement to earn the University Certificate in Teaching Endorsements, Kentucky does require a passing score on the PRAXIS II Subject Assessments for Teaching English as a Second Language, Gifted Education, and Literacy Specialist endorsements. Students outside of Kentucky are responsible for determining the requirements for certification in their states.

ENDR Gifted Education

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EMS 855	Gifted and Talented Youth	3
EMS 856	Curriculum in Gifted and Talented Education	3
EMS 857	Model Programs for Gifted and Talented Education	3
EMS 858	Practicum for Gifted and Talented Education	3
<i>Choose from 6 hours of the EPSB approved electives below:</i>		6
EAD 829	Communication Relations and Educational Advocacy	
EAD 856	Leading for Student Success	
ELE 871	Literacy Programs P-5	
or EMG 806	Reading Instruction for Middle School	
EMS 777	Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching	
EMS 810	Emerging Instructional Technology	
EMS 842	Discipline and Classroom Management	
ETL 800	Leadership Skills for Teachers	
ETL 801	Leading Achievement Change	
ETL 803	Curriculum for Teacher Leaders	
LIB 801	Educational Technologies	
SED 800	Exceptional Learners General Education Class	
Total Hours		18

ENDR Literacy Specialist

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ELE 871	Literacy Programs P-5	3
or EMG 806	Reading Instruction for Middle School	
EMS 873	Trends and Issues in English and Language Arts	3
EMS 875	Literacy Assessment and Instruction	3
EMS 876	Literacy, Leadership, and Advocacy Difficulties	3
EME 877	Practicum for Reading Specialists	3
<i>Choose from 3 hours of the EPSB approved electives below:</i>		3
EAD 829	Communication Relations and Educational Advocacy	
EAD 856	Leading for Student Success	
EMS 777	Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching	

EMS 810	Emerging Instructional Technology
EMS 842	Discipline and Classroom Management
ETL 800	Leadership Skills for Teachers
ETL 801	Leading Achievement Change
ETL 803	Curriculum for Teacher Leaders
LIB 801	Educational Technologies
SED 800	Exceptional Learners General Education Class
Total Hours	18

ENDR Teaching English as Second Language

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EME 751	Linguistics in the Curriculum	3
EMS 775	Methods for Multilingual Learners	3
EMS 776	Assessment Methods for Multilingual Learners	3
EMS 777	Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching	3
<i>Choose from 6 hours of the EPSB approved electives below:</i>		6
EAD 829	Communication Relations and Educational Advocacy	
EAD 856	Leading for Student Success	
ELE 871	Literacy Programs P-5	
	or EMG 806 Reading Instruction for Middle School	
EMS 810	Emerging Instructional Technology	
EMS 842	Discipline and Classroom Management	
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