

English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement Specs

Purpose

A Utah educator whose primary assignment is to provide English language instruction for a student learning English shall have an ESL Endorsement (English as a Second Language), through an approved program based on the TESOL standards. Board Recommendation for multiple options for earning the ESL Endorsement are listed below as revised after the Board approved R277-716-5. The Utah ESL Endorsement is intended for K12 educators and may be added to a Utah Educator License.

Endorsement Type Requirements:

- **Professional** English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement: All requirements met.
- **Associate** English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement. Completed at least 3 of the 6 Requirement Areas for the endorsement

Endorsement Requirement Areas & Competency Paths:

The basis of USBE approval for all competency-based programs is the TESOL standards with competency-based rubrics with both performance indicators and proficiency levels in the five domains. **Only one (1) demonstration of competency needed per requirement area.**

Requirement Area #1: Language Standard

Options for Demonstrated Competency:

- University Course
- Competency-based USBE approved LEA Program
- Master's Degree with major or minor in ESL
- Passed Praxis #5362

Requirement Area #2: Culture Standard

Options for Demonstrated Competency:

- University Course
- Competency-based USBE approved LEA Program
- Master's Degree with major or minor in ESL
- Passed Praxis #5362

Requirement Area #3: Assessment Standard

Options for Demonstrated Competency:

- University Course
- Competency-based USBE approved LEA Program
- Master's Degree with major or minor in ESL
- Passed Praxis #5362

Requirement Area #4: Instruction Standard

Options for Demonstrated Competency:

- University Course
- Competency-based USBE approved LEA Program
- Master's Degree with major or minor in ESL
- Passed Praxis #5362

Requirement Area #5: Family and Community Engagement (Professionalism) Standard

Options for Demonstrated Competency:

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- Competency-based USBE approved LEA Program
- Master's Degree with major or minor in ESL
- Passed Praxis #5362