

VIRGINIA ESL ENDORSEMENT FOR K-12

The School of Education (SOE) at Virginia Commonwealth University offers the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) ESL K-12 endorsement for pre-service and in-service teachers.

VCU Students

You can earn the endorsement by planning with an advisor to incorporate the ESL courses into an existing Master's or certificate program. The ESL endorsement program at VCU requires 18 credit hours of ESL coursework and 12 credit hours of a foreign language.

ESL Qualifying Courses for VCU Students	Semester Offered	Credits
Ling/ENGL 449: Introduction to Linguistics or equivalent courses	Every	3
TEDU 561 or TEDU 562: Reading	Every	3
ENGL/ENED/TEDU 532: Applied Linguistics	Fall	3
ENGL/TEDU/LING 552 Teaching English as a Second Language	Spring	3
TEDU/FRLG 575: Cross-cultural Communication	Spring	3
TEDU 681: ESL Trends and Practices (ESL Assessment)	Fall	3
12 hours of foreign language	Every	12
Total		27

If you are already enrolled in the MT in Foreign Languages program you can select the option that includes the ESL endorsement. [\(link pdf here\)](#).

Upon completion of all coursework, see your program advisor to verify that you have fulfilled the requirements. Both your advisor and Dr. Seonhee Cho must sign the endorsement application. The SOE Office of Student Services will submit the application to the VDOE for you

Practicing Teachers

You can earn the ESL endorsement by completing the courses listed on the VDOE website at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/go/VDOE> (used by divisions for personnel requesting this endorsement):

ESL Qualifying Courses through the VDOE

ESL Qualifying Courses for VCU Students	Semester Offered	Credits
A course in Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language	Spring	3
A teaching of reading course	Every	3
Two elective courses in linguistics such as Applied Linguistics	Fall	6

One course in cross-cultural education	Spring	3
One course in English Linguistics	Every	3
6 hours of foreign language	Every	6
Total		24

Upon completion of all coursework, see your school division human resource specialist to verify that you have fulfilled all requirements and submit the endorsement application.

Questions?

For further questions related to the ESL endorsement, email Dr. Seonhee Cho at scho@vcu.edu or call her at 804-828-1305.