

ESOL REQUIRED TRAINING INFORMATION

Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Primary Language Arts/English Teacher (or Reading Teachers)	Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Computer Literacy	All other subjects not included in Categories I or II	School Administrators & Guidance Counselors

Requirements

ESOL Endorsement: 15 semester hours or 300 in-service credit points OR K – 12 ESOL Coverage: Bachelor's or Master's Degree in TESOL and Basic Subject Area Coverage OR K – 12 ESOL Coverage: Passing Score on ESOL Subject Area Test; Basic Subject Area Coverage, and 120 hours/points in ESOL	3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points	3 semester credit hours or 18 in-service credit points	3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points
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Timelines

Experienced Teacher			Hires Prior to 9/03/03
5 years from the date of first assignment of an LEP student. 3 years for K-12 ESOL Coverage obtained by a passing score on ESOL Subject Area Test.	1 calendar year to complete from date of assignment of LEP student	1 calendar year to complete from date of assignment of LEP student	3 calendar years to complete from September 9, 2003
Beginning Teacher			Hires Prior to 9/03/03
Same as above timeline for experienced teachers	2 years to complete	2 years to complete	3 years to complete from date hired as school administrator or guidance counselor

ESOL Requirements - Category 1

This category is for teachers responsible for teaching language instruction or reading, such as Elementary, English, Language Arts, Reading, and Exceptional Education ELA. There are two pathways for this category: ESOL Endorsement or K-12 ESOL Certification.

ESOL Endorsement:

Category I requires proof of completion of the following 5 content areas, either with in-service and/or college courses and adding either the ESOL Endorsement to your teaching certificate.

- Methods of Teaching ESOL
- ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development
- Cross-Cultural Communication and Understanding
- Applied Linguistics
- Testing and Evaluation of ESOL

You have six years to complete the courses. The timeline for completing the requirements for Category I begins the day and month you are assigned an ESOL student. Should your teaching assignment change, you **must** continue to complete requirements per the timeline below:

Years 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 semester hrs/60 inservice pts
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 semester hrs/60 inservice pts totaling 6 semester hrs/120 inservice points
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 semester hrs/60 inservice pts totaling 9 semester hrs/180 inservice points
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 semester hrs/60 inservice pts totaling 12 semester hrs/240 inservice points
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 semester hrs/60 inservice pts totaling 15 semester hrs/300 inservice points

Upon completion of 15 college credits or 300 inservice points or a combination of both, request that the ESOL Endorsement be added to your teaching certificate by completing the online application through the Florida Department of Education.

K-12 ESOL Certification

Category I teachers may opt to pursue ESOL Certification rather than the ESOL endorsement. This option requires passing the ESOL Subject Area Exam and the completion of six semester hours of college courses, or 120 ESOL inservice points within three years of passing the exam. After achieving a passing score on the ESOL Subject Area Exam, complete an online application through the Florida Department of Education to add the certification. You will be considered out-of-field until you complete all requirements.

ESOL Requirements - Category 2, 3, 4

The timeline for completing ESOL requirements begins the day and month you are assigned a Limited English Proficient student.

Category II – Math, Social Studies, Science or Computer Literacy Teachers

60 ESOL inservice points or one of the approved ESOL college courses within one year of assignment.

Category III – Art, Music, PE, Media Specialists

Complete 18 ESOL in-service points or one of the approved ESOL college courses within one year of assignment

Category IV – Administrators or Guidance Counselors

In order to be in compliance, Administrators or Guidance Counselors need 60 ESOL in-service points or one of the approved ESOL college courses.

- Administrators or Guidance Counselors hired prior to September 9, 2003 must complete the requirements within three years.
- People hired after September 9, 2003 must complete the requirements within three years of the hire date as a school administrator or guidance counselor.

Training Requirements

- Complete 60 inservice points or 3 semester hours of college credit in an approved ESOL course or inservice component.

Note: Any ESOL-approved inservice hours and coursework taken prior to September 9, 2003 or prior to being hired as a school administrator or guidance counselor may be counted toward the required 60 points. Contact the district's ESOL Coordinator for requirements/course information.