Bilingual/ESL Approval

College of Education

The following course work is required by the Illinois State Board of Education for eligibility to add Bilingual/ESL approval to your current Professional Educators License:

- BBED 520 Foundations of Bilingual & ESL Education [meets the requirement for Theoretical Foundations of Teaching ESL] 3 credit hours
- BBED 525 Assessment of Language Minority Students 3 credit hours
- BBED 530 Methods & Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students [for the Bilingual Approval only] 3 credit hours
- **EDUC 650** Topics in Education: Teaching English as a Second Language [equivalent to English 508 Teaching English as a Second Language] 3 credit hours
- BBED 538 Cross Cultural Education 3 credit hours
- BBED 797 Reading Strategies in Bilingual & ESL Programs 3 credit hours
- BBED 800 Practicum in Bilingual & ESL Education [Elective last course in the sequence] 3 credit hours

18 total credit hours are required for the credential. Classes generally meet twice per week each semester, making it possible for teachers to earn the credential in one calendar year.

Courses are offered both on campus each semester in University Park and in a cohort format in the City of Chicago, where highly qualified CPS educators participate as course faculty.

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