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English Language Learners Endorsement Program

Partnership Proposal



ELL Endorsement Proposed Program

ELT 5530 - Foundations of English Language Teaching: Theory and Application

Delivery: Distance Learning Cost w/discount: \$345

Course Description

This course addresses the general principles of how learners acquire a new language and establishes a framework for English Language Teaching. The framework and the principles are applied to the language classroom through unit plan development. This course is required for the WA State ELL Endorsement.

ELT 5532 - Grammar in English Language Teaching

Delivery: Distance Learning Cost w/discount: \$345

Course Description

Upon completion of this course, participants will be better prepared with knowledge, resources, and activities to facilitate the development of English grammar for learners. Participants will learn relevant grammar terminology and rules, approaches to teaching grammar, and instructional strategies. This is a required component of the WA ELL endorsement.

ELT 5538 - Young Learners and English Language Teaching*

Delivery: Online Cost w/discount: \$450

Course Description

This course addresses the issues involved in teaching English to children ages 5-11 in both the U.S. and overseas settings. Child development and language acquisition will be examined in the context of the elementary-aged child. Participants will practice using music/song, storytelling, movement, and drama for language development.

ELT 5542 - Assessment of English Language Students

Delivery: Online Cost w/discount: \$450

Course Description

This course introduces fundamental assessment principles and terminology and their practical application to the language classroom. Participants will design tests for all language skills and understand the positive effects of assessment on classroom instruction. This course meets requirements for the WA State ELL Endorsement.

Pre-requisite - ELT 5530: Foundations in ELT and ELT 5532: Grammar in ELT

Overall Program Cost

Total Cost for ELL Program: \$3745

Total Cost for ELL Program w/TESOL Option: \$3625

Program Completion Time Examples

One Year (w/TESOL Intensive)

| Summer 2020 | Autumn 2020 | Winter 2021 | Spring 2021 |
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| ELT 5530 | ELT 5542 | ELT 5545 | EDCN 5730 |
| ELT 5531 | | | |
| ELT 5532 | | | |
| ELT 5533 | | | |

Two Year

| Summer 2020 | Autumn 2020 | Winter 2021 | Spring 2021 |
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| ELT 5530 | ELT 5538 | ELT 5542 | ELT 5545 |
| ELT 5532 | | | |

| Autumn 2021 | Winter 2022 |
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| EDCT 5691 | EDCN 5730 |



EDCN 5730: Field Experience Pedagogy Assessment

What is Field Experience?

Field Experience is a candidate's opportunity to demonstrate skill in the new subject area. The candidate will locate a classroom appropriate to his/her endorsement and with the support of a mentor teacher, the candidate will teach a unit of study. (At least one lesson period per day for 5-10 days.) An SPU supervisor will observe several of the candidate's lessons and provide pedagogical guidance throughout the process.

The course also involves the creation of a portfolio to display the knowledge and skills gained in the new endorsement area, as well as to document the candidate's ability to make a positive impact on learning in the new content area.

When is Field Experience Offered?

Candidates must meet the following requirements before they may enroll in the course:

- Apply to the SPU Endorsement Program
- Complete all required coursework
- Pass the appropriate WEST-E/NES test(s)
- Express timely intent to enroll in the Field Experience course

Field Experience cohorts tend to fill quickly. For this reason, you must express your intent to enroll (by emailing endorse@spu.edu) far in advance, by the following deadlines:

| Express intent by... | To participate in field experience.... |
|--------------------------|--|
| July 31 st | Fall Quarter (September-December) |
| October 31 st | Winter Quarter (January-March) |
| January 31 st | Spring Quarter (March-June) |

Candidates who express their intent late may be waitlisted for the course, or they may have to wait until the following quarter for availability. If a candidate applies to the Endorsement Program within 90 days of his/her requested Field Experience quarter, an expedited application processing fee will apply.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. If I am currently teaching in the new subject area and/or have many years of experience teaching this subject, do I have to complete a field experience?
- A. Yes. The Field Experience course is a requirement of SPU's endorsement program. SPU wants one of our faculty members to observe and document effective instructional skills in the new endorsement area before we recommend a candidate for an endorsement. Since SPU is listed as the recommending agency, we feel a moral obligation to only recommend candidates whom we have seen demonstrate effective instructional strategies.
- Q. How can I complete a field experience while I am teaching full-time?
- A. SPU's program is designed specifically for current teachers who are pursuing an additional endorsement. The field experience allows a teacher to complete the field experience by spending as little as one period a day over approximately 10 days in another classroom, often during a preparation period.
- Q. How can I complete a field experience if I am NOT currently working in a school?
- A. Students who do not have easy access to a classroom setting have two primary options: 1) contact fellow teachers in the subject area to see if they will allow you to teach in their classroom for 5-10 days, or 2) contact a school district Human Resources department to find a placement for the field experience. The Endorsement Program does not provide placement for candidates, but we will assist you with any correspondence or forms required by a school district to secure your placement.
- Q. Will SPU find a placement for me or assign a Mentor Teacher?
- A. It is the candidate's responsibility to secure an appropriate setting (classroom) for their Field Experience. In addition, the candidate must find a Mentor Teacher. A qualified Mentor Teacher will hold the endorsement the candidate is pursuing *and* will have three years of experience in that endorsement area.
- Q. Who will be my instructor for the Field Experience?
- A. Instructors will be assigned *after* the candidate has submitted all required forms to register for the Field Experience.
- Q. How long does it take to receive the certificate with the added endorsement after the course is complete?
- A. The Certification Officer will verify completion of the endorsement program requirements to the certification office of OSPI, which will then issue the candidates certificate with the additional endorsement. SPU will then communicate next steps for the candidate which will include logging onto OSPI's eCertification system to pay the new endorsement fee. After OSPI has received the fee, they will mail a new certificate with the added endorsement directly to the candidate. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure OSPI has a current address on file. The candidate can update their contact information through OSPI's eCertification System.

Overview of Course

Written Requirements. Compile and submit a portfolio that documents completion of the objectives. The following is a general overview of portfolio components:

- Introductory Paper
- Classroom and Student Characteristic Analysis
- The Unit Plan and Unit Plan Evidence of Positive Impact and Reflection
- Lesson Plan Reflections and Rationales
- Evaluations (from both supervisor and mentor teacher)
- Other Evidence - documentation, descriptions, or artifacts that support required criterion
- Post-Endorsement Professional Growth Plan

(Please note: Portfolio requirements may change slightly and will be described in detail on the course syllabus.)

Formal Observations by Course Instructor The candidate will teach one or more units of study in the chosen endorsement area over a period of at least 5-10 days. The candidate will teach a minimum of two lessons from his/her unit plan for the purpose of formal observation and evaluation by the course instructor. Prior to each of these observations the candidate will submit written documents for that lesson to the course instructor.

Classroom Placement

This course is designed to work within a full-time teacher's schedule, even if he/she is not currently teaching in the new subject area. **The endorsement candidate is responsible for finding a classroom for their field experience**, where they will be allowed to teach one class period over a minimum of 5-10 days (5-10 hours total).

Mentor Teacher

It is the candidate's responsibility to locate a Mentor Teacher. In most cases, the mentor teacher is the teacher of the classroom where you will be completing your field experience. The mentor is required to have an endorsement in the subject area and have a minimum of 3 years' experience teaching in that subject area. We ask that they complete one formal observation of you to be submitted to the SPU supervisor.

Course Work

The unit plan must consist of 5-10 lessons (or hours) taught over a minimum of 5-10 days. In addition to the classroom teaching, this course also requires a portfolio including development of a unit plan to be taught, evidence of positive impact and reflection papers, evaluations and a professional growth plan. *More detailed information will be provided in the course syllabus, (mailed after candidate registers).*

SPU Supervisor

A university supervisor will be assigned to each candidate and will be available throughout the quarter for feedback on portfolio pieces. The supervisor will also complete a minimum of two formal observations.

Coursework Completion Deadline:

Approximately 10 weeks from Course Start Date – for specific dates contact endorse@spu.edu

