

2026 MC Summer Intensive EL/TESOL Certification

The Intensive EL/TESOL Certification Program is designed specifically for teachers (or those wishing to become teachers) to complete all required coursework in a five-week academic summer term. This four-course program meets the required guidelines for an add-on endorsement by the Mississippi Department of Education for English as a Second Language. Students receive a discount for enrolling in the block certification.

Course Number	Course Name Professor	Dates
MLG 450/5450	The Multicultural Classroom Krason	May 26 - 29, 2026
MLG 451/5451	Second Language Acquisition Zanza	June 1 - 5, 2026
MLG 452/5452	Applied Linguistics Krason	June 8 - 12, 2026
MLG 453/5453	Methods & Field Studies Fuller	June 15 - 25, 2026

TESOL website: <https://www.mc.edu/academics/departments/modern-languages/tesol>

*****We are conducting our Intensive EL/TESOL Certification Program remotely (synchronously) this summer**, with a mixture of live video classrooms via Zoom, recorded lectures and online work. For instructions on how to apply, please see below.***

Cost

- **The discounted cost of the summer program (if all 4 courses are taken) is \$4400, which includes tuition and the \$400 consolidated fee. This year, the cost is the same for undergraduate and graduate students.**
- **MC's professional development is 30% off + registration and fees for these courses taken anytime by an educator.****

****Discounts cannot be combined.**

Schedule & Workload

We will be conducting our EL/TESOL Certification Program remotely again this summer, with a mixture of live video classrooms via Zoom, recorded lectures and online work.

The course load should be considered a full-time job for the month of June (plan for an 8-hour work day) in order to develop mastery over content and complete course requirements. To earn 3 hours of academic credit, we must complete a semester's worth of work for four classes in 5 weeks!

The final class, MLG 453/5453 Methods and Field Studies is a 2-week class and will not meet synchronously every day. Zoom sessions are only scheduled for the mornings of June 15, 17, 19, 22, and 24.

Live Zoom sessions are held **daily** from 8:30 am – noon for MLG 5450, MLG 5451, and MLG 5452.

MLG 450/5450 | The Multicultural Classroom:

- Synchronous meetings from 8:30 am – noon each day. Afternoons reserved for group work, recorded lectures, research, and writing.
- During the week, you will be responsible for 3 short papers, 1 individual presentation, 1 group presentation, and 1 comprehensive exam.

MLG 451/5451 | Second Language Acquisition:

- Synchronous meetings from 8:30 am – noon each day. Afternoons reserved for group work, recorded lectures, research, and completing daily assignments.
- There is a midterm, a final exam, 2 journal article reviews, and a research proposal.

MLG 452/5452 | Applied Linguistics:

- Synchronous meetings each day.
- Additional time to work in pairs would be scheduled among participants to work on problem sets daily, which will be turned in online before the next day's class.
- This course is very hands-on. There are no papers or projects for this course but there are daily assignments, quizzes, problem sets, and a comprehensive final exam.

MLG 453/5453 | Methods & Field Studies:

- Synchronous meetings from 8:30–noon on June 15, 17, 19, 22, and 24.
- Afternoons and off days should be reserved for recorded lectures and coursework.

- During the course, you will be responsible for 3 projects (interviewing a practicing ESL teacher, lesson plan and presentation, material review), reading reflections, and 1 exam. At least one project will be done during class time.
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Textbooks

Textbooks are required on the first day of class unless otherwise noted.

MLG 450/5450 | The Multicultural Classroom:

- *The Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development Handbook: A Complete K-12 Reference Guide*, 6th ed. by Diaz-Rico (enhanced e-text not required)

MLG 451/5451 | Second Language Acquisition:

- *How Languages are Learned*, 4th ed. by Lightbown and Spada

MLG 452/5452 | Applied Linguistics:

- *An Introduction to Language*, 11th ed. by Fromkin, Rodman, & Hyams (this textbook is optional)

MLG 453/5453 | Methods & Field Studies:

- *Teaching English in Global Contexts: Language, Learners and Learning* by Valentina Canese, Susan Spezzini (this is an online book)
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How to Apply:

- Go to apply.mc.edu and apply as a **non-degree seeking graduate student** (when asked if you are pursuing a graduate degree or second bachelor's degree, select NO).
- When asked what degree format you prefer, choose TRADITIONAL ON-CAMPUS (even though these classes are exclusively online, they are coded as on-campus).
- On the following screen, you will be prompted to choose your degree (*do not choose NON-DEGREE here*). Scroll down and select the ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER CERTIFICATE.
- Follow prompts to complete your application.

After you have applied and been accepted to MC, you will register for courses once registration opens. For instructions on how to register, visit MC's website at [Class and Registration Information | Registrar](#). Undergraduate course numbers are: MLG 450, 451, 452 and 453; graduate course numbers are MLG 5450, 5451, 5452 and 5453.

Adding an Endorsement to Your Existing License

For teachers who have completed the four EL courses and want to add an EL endorsement to their license: Visit the MC webpage for teacher licensure at www.mc.edu/academics/departments/education/licensure and click the blue Licensure Application link. It will have a form and instructions. To be eligible for the endorsement on a MS educator license, students will need to complete the approved coursework, complete and submit the licensure recommendation form, complete their part of the endorsement recommendation in ELMS, and submit a transcript to MDE. *No additional Praxis exams have to be taken for this endorsement.* All forms should be submitted to Christel Cater (ccater@mc.edu, Lowrey 207) when completed.

Applying for a Physical Certificate

After successful completion of the program, we will gladly provide you with a physical certificate to document this accomplishment. In order to receive the physical certificate, you will need to complete the EL/TESOL certificate form:

www.mc.edu/academics/departments/modern-languages/tesol/apply-tesol-certificate.

Other FAQs

- **Could these courses count toward my CEUs or a Masters of Education?**
 - These credits can serve as a renewal for an A certificate (six credit hours) or renewal for an AA and higher certificate (three credit hours). You do not have to take all 4 courses – only the number of credit hours you need.
 - Students are able to use up to 6 of the hours as electives in the MEd Elem Ed program at Mississippi College.
 - Many of the MEd in subject areas also allow for subs or electives and can be coordinated with your academic advisor.
 - If you are interested in the MEd in SPED or the MEd in Teaching Arts (alt route program) some allowances for electives and substitutions have been

made. Your advisor can work with you to see if these courses would be allowed substitutions.

➤ **Why would I take these classes instead of just taking the Praxis?**

- Currently in the state of MS, the 177 English as a Second Language supplemental endorsement can be added through two methods. First is a passing score on the Praxis II - English to Speakers of Other Languages. The second path is by completing a 4-course track in an accredited program at a Mississippi university.
- Our program at Mississippi College provides a more thorough, comprehensive, and beneficial introduction to the field of EL learners than is available through proficiency in an endorsement test. Teachers enrolled in our program will complete in-depth study of the theory and practice of instructing EL learners. Professors in the program have a variety of experience and expertise in areas from which students can glean fresh understanding of how to approach EL situations in their own working environments. Additionally, because EL teachers often become local EL experts in their schools, our program is helpful for providing a more global picture of EL instruction and how it fits into the greater universe of district programming. Overall, our students will be prepared to assist EL learners gain proficiency sooner and with greater accuracy, and their careers will be enhanced through completion of the coursework.
- Teachers who complete our program will earn an ESL Certification, which, through the MDE will become an endorsement on their teaching license. But aside from the endorsement, the Certification will remain as a part of the teacher's academic record. Our graduate hours can be transferred and viewed on an academic transcript, and therefore, opens the door to educational and career mobility. Additionally, because coursework is completed, these credits can serve as a renewal for an A certificate (six credit hours) or renewal for an AA and higher certificate (three credit hours).

➤ **I do not have my teaching license. How will these courses help me professionally?**

- These courses meet the requirements for a supplemental endorsement to an existing MS teaching license but do not certify you to teach K-12. If you plan to get your teaching license through another route, this program will allow you to add this endorsement at any time by completing the process listed above for adding the endorsement to your license.
- If you do not have your teaching license, this program will certify you to teach ESL in almost every other arena, including overseas. This will allow you to say you have an ESL or ELL certificate. Many programs such as

Intensive English programs (even at the university level), church programs, tutoring jobs, international services & schools, and some private schools will accept you as a qualified instructor if you are a native English speaker who holds a bachelor's degree and this certification.

➤ **Can I register for only 1, 2, or 3 classes?**

- Yes! You can register for however many classes you need or prefer. The block tuition of \$4000 is only available to students who register for all 4 courses in the same summer. Summer tuition rates apply otherwise. (Graduate tuition will be \$1800 **per class** plus the \$400 consolidated fee, and undergraduate tuition will be \$1350 **per class** plus the \$400 consolidated fee.)
- MDE will only accept completion of the full program (4 classes) before adding the endorsement to your license but you can spread the courses out to meet your needs.

➤ **How much will it cost if I take just one or two classes at a time?**

- For current tuition rates, please visit our Graduate Tuition and Fees website at <https://www.mc.edu/offices/business/tuition-and-fees>. Each of our classes is 3 hours. MC does offer a 30% professional development discount for Mississippi teachers if you take these classes one at a time. You cannot combine discounts.

➤ **When will the summer classes be offered again?**

- The summer intensive courses have traditionally been offered every year. We will have information regarding program offerings on our website at the beginning of the calendar year. .

➤ **Are the classes offered during the school year?**

- Yes! MLG 451/5451 & MLG 452/5452 are offered every fall semester and MLG 450/5450 & MLG 453/5453 are offered every spring semester. The days/times change based on the instructor's need but have traditionally been during the daytime hours.

➤ **Is financial aid available for these courses?**

- Once you register for the EL/TESOL Certificate courses, you will be eligible to receive financial aid. Financial Aid for graduate school often looks like a student loan unless you have GI benefits or other government funds to use.
- Financial Aid at Mississippi College for any specific questions about your circumstances. Their website is: www.mc.edu/offices/financial-aid.
- Applicants are encouraged to see if they would qualify for TEACH grants.
- Other websites to check out for financial aid are:

- www.msfinancialaid.org
- riseupms.com/teachers

➤ **What if I need to drop the classes after I start?**

- Although our classes meet consecutively throughout the summer session, they are all part of the same summer term and follow the academic calendar for drop/add dates. You cannot receive a refund for any of the classes after the last day to drop a class for that term, even if the class has not begun meeting.
- If you receive the block rate/discount for registering for all four courses but drop any of the courses, your discount will be revoked and you will be responsible for the full tuition price of the courses you remained enrolled in.