

# Online ELL Endorsement

English Language Learners  
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### About the Program

Whitworth University is offering an excellent opportunity for certificated Washington State and other teachers to gain an English Language Learners (ELL) endorsement in an online, teacher-friendly course of study. This 16-semester credit program is offered totally online and can be completed from the convenience of your home or classroom. The Whitworth ELL course work is generally accepted by other states toward ELL certification, but it is your responsibility to confirm their acceptance by contacting them.

You will learn strategies, methods and concepts for working with school-age and adult students who are learning English as their new language. You will learn to meet the instructional needs of not only students identified for ELL programs, but also ELL students who are in mixed-ability, regular-education classrooms. Those who complete this program will have confidence to work successfully with their ELL students in any instructional environment.

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**Course of Study:** The course work is divided into school-year compatible modules that allow you to incorporate the strategies you are learning into your daily teaching assignment.

The 16-semester credit program includes the following courses:

EDU 361/561 Second Language Acquisition (3)	September 26 – November 11, 2011
EDU 364/564 ELL Field Experience I (2)	September 26 – December 9, 2011
EDU 367/567 Intercultural Education (1)	November 14 – December 9, 2011
EDU 362/562 ELL Methodology (3)	January 2 – February 17, 2012
EDU 364/564 ELL Field Experience II (1)	January 2 – June 8, 2012
EDU 363/563 ELL Language Arts/Reading (3)	February 27 – April 13, 2012
EDU 365/565 ELL Assessment & Evaluation (3)	April 23, – June 8, 2012

The first class will begin on Monday, September 26, 2011 and the last course will conclude on Friday, June 8, 2012. It is a cohort program and students are expected to complete all credits.

**The WEST-E Exam:** For a Washington State endorsement in English Language Learners (ELL), in addition to successfully completing all required course work with a grade of C or above, students are required to pass the 2-hour WEST-E exam in ELL. The Whitworth University institutional code is 253. Go online to [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com) to register and for additional information about the exam. States other than Washington may have other exam requirements.

Before Whitworth can request your endorsed certificate from OSPI, all endorsement requirements must be completed and the passing results of the WEST-E exam must be received in the Whitworth Certification Office.

## **Course Descriptions**

The following six courses make up the online ELL program:

**Second-Language Acquisition (3 semester credits)** Topics include an overview of how students acquire a first and second language, and socio-cultural and political factors that affect second language acquisition.

**Introduction to Intercultural Education (1 semester credit)** Subjects include the development of intercultural communication and teaching skills at the cultural-general and cultural-specific levels of understanding. Also included, is the examination of cultural proficiency and the impact of one's own cultural values, attitudes, and beliefs on P-12 students.

**ELL Field Experience (3 semester credits)** The ELL Field Experience provides an opportunity to implement the knowledge and strategies being learned in the participant's classroom.

**ELL Methodology (3 semester credits)** Subjects include the application of language-acquisition theory to the teaching of English Language Learners and teaching strategies employing listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as the purpose and administration of language-proficiency assessment.

**ELL Methods in Language Arts and Reading (3 semester credits)** Topics include the development and application of methods in teaching literacy to ELLs in P-12 level academic areas.

**ELL Assessment and Evaluation (3 semester credits)** Topics include issues, principles, instruments, WLPT Placement, and methods of assessment related to the education of English language learners from entry into the P-12 system until students become proficient in English.

## **Instructional Materials**

Kids Come in All Languages: Reading Instruction for ESL Students, Spangenberg-Urbschat, Karen and Robert Pritchard (1994) for EDU 363/563

The Middle of Everywhere, Helping Refugees Enter the American Community, Mary Pipher for EDU 364/564

Other People's Children: Cultural conflict in the classroom: Lisa Delpit, New York: The New Press, 2006. ISBN-13: 978-1-59558-074-0 for EDU 361/561

Between Worlds: Access to Second Language Acquisition, David E. Freeman and Yvonne S. Freeman, ISBN: 0-325-00350-5 for both EDU 361/561 and EDU 367/567

Methodology in Language Teaching: An Anthology of Current Practice, Richards, J.C. and W.A. Renandya, ISBN – 0-521-00440-3 for EDU 362/562 and EDU 365/565

### **About the Master of Education Degree**

The M.Ed. in Elementary or Secondary Education includes eighteen elective ‘theme of study’ credits. The 16 credits from the Online ELL Endorsement program can be incorporated into this M.Ed. degree. Core courses for the master’s degree are provided online with one core course offered each semester. Thus, a student can complete his/her master’s degree online. This provides a very cost-effective, time-efficient way to complete both a Master of Education degree and an English Language Learners endorsement concurrently. The 16 ELL credits must be completed at the graduate level (500 level) if you wish to include them as part of a master’s degree.

Contact Vernice Hunnicutt, assistant director for Graduate Studies in Education, and she can assist you with the details for the master’s degree. Contact her at 509.777.4398 or e-mail [vhunnicutt@whitworth.edu](mailto:vhunnicutt@whitworth.edu).

### **About the Instructors**

All instructors in the program are experienced English Language Development teachers and specialists. Each demonstrates strengths in different areas of need for the bilingual and ELL student ranging throughout elementary, middle school and senior high school levels. Their experience includes both positions as ELL or ELD specialists and/or regular-education teachers in a variety of districts and situations state-wide. All are experienced working with adult learners. All instructors are experienced teaching online courses.

#### **The instructors are:**

**Amy Ayers** – Currently Amy serves as an English Language Development specialist for Spokane Public Schools where she is the lead teacher for four elementary schools. Prior to this assignment, Amy taught in regular-ed classrooms in California where the majority of her students were ELL students, and she had the opportunity to incorporate many ELL strategies in her classroom. Amy also teaches as an adjunct instructor with the undergraduate program at Whitworth University, teaching ELL strategies to pre-service education students. Amy has her B.A. and M.Ed. from Whitworth University where as a graduate student, she helped incorporate ELL strategies into the School of Education.

**Amy Berube** – Amy currently teaches a broad range of diverse learners as a third grade teacher in Spokane Public Schools, a district where over fifty languages are represented. Previously, Amy worked in the district as an English language development (ELD) teacher at multiple elementary schools where she worked with English language learners (ELLs) and served as a liaison among classroom teachers, administration and the ELD program. Amy earned a B.A. degree from Eastern Washington University and a M.Ed. degree from Whitworth University.

**Victorya Rouse** - Victorya began her teaching career in the Kingdom of Swaziland in southern Africa. Since returning to the USA, she has taught English Language Development from post-graduate international students to children of recent immigrants. Since 1992 she has served as the English Language Development instructor at Ferris High School, has provided in-service training to faculty, and served as liaison among the mainstream teachers, administrators and English Language Development program. In fall 2007, she became the instructor for the Spokane School District's Newcomer Center. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Utah State University and Master's from Walden University.

## **About Technology Requirements**

### **Hardware:**

A computer capable of successfully running the software listed below, including at least 5 or more gigabytes of free space on the hard drive after software installation, at least 2 gigabytes (3 or more is highly recommended) of RAM, sound capabilities CD/DVD drive, and an installed internet/network connection device with broadband capabilities is required.

Whitworth University Computer Recommendation Website:

<http://www.whitworth.edu/Administration/InformationSystems/HelpDesk/StudentComputerSpecifications.htm>

### **Minimum Software:**

- Windows XP SP3 (Home or Pro), Vista or Windows 7 with all updates; MacOS X 10.4 or higher with all updates; LinuxOS with the latest Windows or MacOS emulator installed that allows you to run the programs or the equivalent to the programs listed below:
- All operating system & Microsoft security and critical updates must be installed
- Microsoft Office 2007 or 2010 Suite including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint for the PC with the Microsoft Office 2008; Microsoft Office 2008 or 2011 for the Mac including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Updated Anti-Virus Software (see Whitworth's website for approved software)
- A Malware/Spyware removal program
- RealPlayer SP, (free download)
- Microsoft Windows Media Player 11 or higher (free download)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 9.33 (MAC) or X (PC) or higher (free download)
- Sun Systems JAVA Plugin 6.22 or higher (free download)
- FLASH or software that has the ability to watch YouTube videos, up to date
- VLC Media Player (free download)
- Other software as per your instructor

### **Internet:**

- A reliable broadband Internet Service Provider (ISP). If you use AOL or an ISP with its own browser, you should have an alternate browser installed on your computer.
- For WindowsOS: Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) 8 or higher, running in compatibility mode.
- For MacOS: Safari 5 or higher although Safari users may find they have limitations while in Blackboard.
- Mozilla Firefox 3.6 or higher (the preferred browser for Blackboard)

- Javascript and cookies must be enabled and Popups must be disabled for the Blackboard, Live Email and WhitNet websites on all browsers and in all Toolbars. You may need to enable Active X controls for the above websites.

Whitworth University provides all current students with a Whitworth email address and a Blackboard account. **Students are required to check their Whitworth email accounts; all Whitworth communication is through the Whitworth email address.** For assistance related to your specific equipment, contact Judy Dehle at 509.777.4387 or email: [jdehle@whitworth.edu](mailto:jdehle@whitworth.edu).

## About Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the 2011-2012 Online ELL Endorsement program are as follows:

*Undergraduate tuition	\$375 per semester credit
*Graduate tuition	\$510 per semester credit
Application fee	\$35
Add-on state endorsement fee	\$15
Textbooks	approximately \$100

**\*Tuition Reduction** – When three or more staff members from the same school or small school district enroll, an approximate 25-percent reduction in tuition is granted. This will reduce the undergraduate tuition to about \$281 per semester credit and the graduate tuition to \$383 per semester credit. Indicate on the application the names of the other applicants from the school or district.

**\*Student Financial Aid** – Both the online ELL program and the Master of Education degree do qualify for student financial aid. For information, contact the financial aid office at 509.777.3215 or [finaid@whitworth.edu](mailto:finaid@whitworth.edu). Students will work with the Whitworth Student Accounts Office in arranging payment for their courses. Major credit-cards, debit cards and checks are the usual form of payment.

## About the Application and Registration Procedures

Items required for the application review:

- Whitworth University application with \$35 application fee (available online at [www.whitworth.edu/gse](http://www.whitworth.edu/gse))
- Official transcripts from each college/university where a degree or certificate was obtained
- Copy of current teacher certificate
- District Assurance Form to be completed by principal or superintendent of district (if not currently employed as a teacher, may submit a recommendation letter from supervisor of school or agency where you will be working with English Language Learners)

**NOTE:** Additional forms are required if you plan to enter the master’s degree program. Contact Susan Cook for further information. (509-777-3222) Mail all materials to Susan Cook, Whitworth University, Graduate and Continuing Studies, 300 W. Hawthorne Road, Spokane WA 99251.

## About the Staff

**Anne Wilcox** Director, ELL Online Endorsement Program [awilcox@whitworth.edu](mailto:awilcox@whitworth.edu)  
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Anne is Professor of English Language Learner programs at Whitworth University. She will be delighted to answer any questions about the overview, the instructors, or the content of this program.

**Susan Cook** Graduate and Continuing Studies [scook@whitworth.edu](mailto:scook@whitworth.edu)  
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Susan will work with you during the application process. Please contact her with any questions about applying for this program or scheduling an appointment with an advisor.

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Mary Ann will register you for each course. Contact her with any questions concerning registration.

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Darla works in Student Accounting Services. Contact Darla whenever there is a question about payment of tuition and fees.

**Judy Dehle** Manager, Instructional Technology and Media Services [jdehle@whitworth.edu](mailto:jdehle@whitworth.edu)  
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Judy will respond to your questions about technology. If you have questions about the use of the Blackboard system, passwords, or other technical questions, contact Judy.

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Graduate Studies in Education

Contact Vernice about the different master's degree programs available. If you wish to enroll in a master's degree program concurrently using the ELL Endorsement courses as part of your degree requirements, contact Vernice. She will assist you in making efficient use of your coursework as you complete both the endorsement and the degree requirements.

All of us in the Graduate Studies department look forward to working with you as you complete your ELL endorsement goal.

## For More Information

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