

**Northern Kentucky University**

**Name of Program: English as a Second Language**

**Certification Level:**

**Advanced: Certification Only**

**Program Codes:**

**KE36 (18)**

**Modes of Delivery: Online**

2016-17 Catalog URL: <http://nku.catalog.acalog.com/index.php?catoid=7>

### **ESL Program Continuous Improvement**

The ESL program has restricted the organization of the courses to help better connect theory and pedagogy. ESL 608 was offered only in the summer as a 6-week course, despite being an important theoretical foundation to the endorsement. This course will now be offered in the fall semester as a full 16-week course. Additionally, ESL 605 and 606 were offered on a biannual basis, but now will be offered annually to help provide a meaningful structure and flow to the courses. ESL 606 (Methods) will now be offered in the spring to complement ESL 602 (Assessment) in the summer. ESL 605 and ESL 608 will be offered in the fall, so both language theory classes will be taken at the same time.

Furthermore, changes have been made to ESL 602 and ESL 608 to help better prepare students for the Praxis exam. Course content and assignments were more tailored to praxis style questions and reinforcing content.

### **English as a Second Language Endorsement Program**

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program aims to engage students with the content, pedagogy, and experience to prepare them for teaching ESOL students. The program is arranged so students are introduced to ESL through learning about factors that impact learning for ESOL students, content and strategies regarding the social, emotional and academic learning for ESOL students, and strategies to advocate for this important population (ESL 601). This course provides the framework through which students can learn about the theory and research of first and second language acquisition in ESL 605 and ESL 608. Finally, students learn the methods (ESL 606) and assessment (ESL 602) strategies based on the theory and research from previous semesters. In the final semester in ESL 606, students are immersed in a field experience which includes observation, a recorded lesson, and a collaboration project.

The English as a Second Language endorsement program can be combined with the MAED- Teacher as Leader Degree, the Educational Specialist in Teaching and Learning Degree, and the Planned Program Rank 1 Non-Degree 6<sup>th</sup> Year programs. Please refer to those programs for additional information.

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Each curriculum contract states the admission and exit criteria, the curriculum criteria, required courses, and other information about the program. The curriculum contracts for the English as a Second Language program options are at this link:

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