

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Woodring College of Education  
**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**  
PROGRAM APPLICATION

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**BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Upper-division undergraduate (90+ credits) or have a transferable bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- 3.0 GPA preferred.
- Non-native speakers of English are required to have a TOEFL score of 550 or higher, preferably met prior to beginning the program.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- One year of college-level study in a single foreign language or equivalent (a combination of coursework and experience or 3 years in high school – must provide high school transcripts for proof) preferably completed prior to beginning the program. Language course work may be taken concurrently with program.
- Cross-cultural studies requirement either through college coursework or living/study abroad extensively.
- 2.7 GPA in TESOL classes is required to undertake the practicum and receive the certificate. To add the ESL endorsement to your teaching credentials, a minimum 2.7 grade is required for each course.

**ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BILINGUAL PROGRAM**

- Be recommended by the department of Modern and Classical Languages prior to enrolling in the seminar and practicum in BE (verification form available in the TESOL office). Expected proficiency is equivalent to a major in the language other than English, and oral proficiency at the ACTFL mid-advanced level.
- Successfully complete a cultural studies course taught in the language of that culture (or demonstrate the equivalent in experience).

**HOW TO APPLY**

- Currently admitted Western students need to fill out the TESOL Program Application only.
- Applicants who are not currently admitted to Western will need to fill out the TESOL Program application **as well as** apply to Western for admission; <http://admissions.wvu.edu/> . Please contact the TESOL office for more information.
- Please complete the contact information below, and steps One, Two and Three.
- The submission address for this program application is on page 4.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- One unofficial copy of college transcripts from ALL colleges/universities/community colleges attended.
- References: Name and phone numbers (including area code) of two academic or work/professional references who can comment on your ability to work cooperatively and professionally with diverse populations (attach to statement of purpose).
- Statement of Purpose
- Plan of Study
- TOEFL Score documentation if a non-native speaker of English
- Keep a copy for your records

**ADVISING**

- If you need further advising please contact Holly Childs at 360-650-4949 and she can direct you to the appropriate advisor.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Current mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Current phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP ONE**

- Have you ever been officially admitted or are you applying to Western Washington University?  No  Yes  
If yes, when were you admitted (quarter/year)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Student number: \_\_\_\_\_
- If you've ever been admitted to Western, please answer the following questions:
  - Are you currently enrolled at Western?  No  Yes
  - When did/will you graduate from Western? Quarter/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Are you planning to apply to Western's graduate school?  No  Yes If so, what quarter/year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Students with fluency in a second language who are interested in teaching in bilingual settings in the US or internationally can take additional coursework to add a bilingual certificate or endorsement to their TESOL Program. Are you interested in this option?  No  Yes
- Undergraduates or graduates of WWU may choose to declare EITHER a minor in TESOL or in Bilingual Education.  
**Which minor would you like to declare?**  TESOL  
 Bilingual  
 Neither
- All teachers wishing to teach ESL in the WA state K-12 school system must have a WA state teaching certificate with an ESL endorsement.
  - **Do you currently have a WA state teaching certificate?**  No  Yes
  - **Are you in the process of getting a Teaching Certificate?**  No  Yes  
**At what institution?** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **If yes, do you wish to add an ESL Endorsement?**  No  Yes **Bilingual Endorsement?**  No  Yes

**Check which track you intend to follow in your plan of study:**

- Summer intensive program (begins spring quarter)– **Application deadline January 15<sup>th</sup>** \*
- Annual program (begins fall quarter) – **Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>** \*

\*Applications received after the deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.

**STEP TWO**

Complete the following information:

**Language/Learning Experience**

First Language (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Second Language Learning / Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Dates to/from</u>	<u>Description (setting/language)</u>	<u>Level completed</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Teaching/Tutoring Experience**

1. ESL or other language

<u>Dates to/from</u>	<u>Description (setting/language)</u>	<u>Age/grade range of group</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Other teaching experience

<u>Dates to/from</u>	<u>Description (setting/language)</u>	<u>Age/grade range of group</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**STEP THREE**

**Tentative Plan of Study – TESOL Program**

**\*Keep a copy for your records\***

*We will use this plan of study to provide adequate room in the courses. Your chances of being able to take a course when you need to are directly related to keeping us informed on any changes to your plan of study. It is very important that you contact Holly Childs ([holly.childs@wwu.edu](mailto:holly.childs@wwu.edu)) with any changes to your plan. Please keep a copy of this for your records.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Interest**

Please indicate your preferred area of interest. If you are getting your K-12 endorsement then please check the K-12 option.

\_\_\_\_\_ **K-12** My interest lies in teaching children in the public school system.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adult Immigrant/Migrant/Abroad** My interest lies in working with the immigrant/migrant population and/or working in another country.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Fill in the schedule below with the courses you expect to take each quarter. Please reference the TESOL schedule.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Quarter expected to attend:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Culture Class (3-4)		This can be satisfied through extensive foreign experience with approval by the Director.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Studies in L2 (Bilingual only)		This class must be taught in a second language.
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language		One year of college-level study in foreign language (or three years in high school)

**TESOL CORE**

<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 401 (or TESL 403 – 1cr)	(4) or (1)	_____ (Offered Spring & Fall)
<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 402 (prereq: 401)	(5)	_____ (Offered Winter & Summer)
<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 410	(4)	_____ (Offered Spring & Fall)
<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 420	(5)	_____ (Offered Fall & Summer)
<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 421	(5)	_____ (Offered Winter & Summer)

**SPECIALIZATION ESL/BILINGUAL**

<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 425 (Bilingual only)	(5)	_____ (Offered Spring)
<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 430 (TESOL only)	(4)	_____ (Offered every quarter)
<input type="checkbox"/> TESL 431 (Bilingual/TESOL)	(5)	_____ (Offered Spring)

NOTES: (Use this space for questions or concerns.)

**Return completed application to:** Western Washington University TESOL Program  
516 High Street, MH251E / MS-9091  
Bellingham, WA 98225-9091