

# TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES K-12

Bachelor of Science

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) K-12 major is designed to prepare educators to meet the unique needs of multilingual learners in K-12 schools. The TESOL K-12 major is available for all interested students who are also seeking PK-3 teacher certification. Graduates of this program will be eligible to teach all subjects to PK-3 students in self-contained classrooms as well as in ESL K-12 classrooms. No minor is required. This undergraduate major qualifies graduates for the Michigan English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement.



**This program not only taught me about multilingual learners, but it taught me how to be a culturally responsive person.**

■ Mailey Fayling, student



The WMU teacher education unit is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).



Michigan school principals ranked **99%** of new teachers prepared at WMU as “effective” or “highly effective” in 2019-20.

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## WHY WMU?

- Program completion meets coursework and clinical experience requirements for the Michigan PK-3 Elementary and K-12 ESL endorsements.
- Provides a comprehensive program to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse students in K-12 schools based on current theory and research.
- Prepares educators to collaborate and engage in dialogue with content area and general education colleagues to better serve the academic and linguistic needs of multilingual learners.
- Equips educators with knowledge of effective instructional methodologies to address multilingual learners' academic and linguistic needs.
- Develops educators who can analyze and modify instructional materials and assessments depending on students' English proficiency.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

### Pre-service teachers who:

- Are currently enrolled in the Elementary Education PK-3 program.
- Would like to learn about second language acquisition theories and teaching methodologies.
- Are interested in becoming ESL teachers in K-12 schools.
- Desire to teach in schools with a significant population of multilingual learners.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to completing all of the coursework required for the Elementary Education PK-3 program, students will complete a planned program of study consisting of 24 credits of coursework for the TESOL K-12 major. An overall program grade point average of 3.0 or better is required to continue in this bachelor's program.



**100% of WMU teaching English to speakers of other languages students were employed or continuing education within three months of graduation.**



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