

Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language, Certificate

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Learn to support the educational needs of bilingual learners and earn endorsements that can be applied to a teaching credential after graduation.

Description

The certificate program in bilingual education and English as a second language prepares students to work with a growing population of culturally and linguistically diverse learners.

This certificate program allows graduates to meet requirements for endorsements in Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language through the Arizona Department of Education. This certificate program can be added to the following degree programs at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College:

- BAE in early childhood education
- BAE in elementary education
- BAE in physical education
- BAE in secondary education
- BAE in special education

In this program, students learn and apply knowledge and skills in areas related to second language acquisition, biliteracy and bilingualism, culturally relevant and sustaining pedagogies and evidence-based instructional practices that value language diversity as an asset. Additionally, the certificate program helps students develop critical perspectives that allow them to advocate for equitable support systems that meet the needs of linguistically diverse children and families.

This program does not lead to teacher certification.

Format option

[This program is also offered via ASU Sync.](#) ASU Sync enables students to attend live classes remotely via Zoom. Classes are designed to foster active collaboration and discussion in real time with faculty and peers. ASU Sync students need to reside in Arizona throughout the duration of the program. Students on I-20 visas are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should speak with an advisor about other options to complete this program.

Students seeking to use GI Bill® benefits for ASU Sync programs should contact the Pat Tillman Veterans Center regarding certain limitations.

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At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [ASU Sync](#)

Program requirements

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To be eligible to apply for an English as a Second Language Endorsement or a Bilingual Education Endorsement, students must complete this certificate, complete their teacher preparation program, and provide verification of second language experience. The ESL endorsement requires second language learning experience which can be satisfied through the completion of two undergraduate foreign language classes. The BLE endorsement requires verification of proficiency in a spoken language other than English or sign language which can be satisfied through an external test. Students majoring in Special Education who want to obtain the BLE endorsement will be required to take one additional course in teaching students with exceptionalities from non-English language backgrounds.

This certificate requires 18 credit hours. A "C" or better is required in all coursework.

Required Courses -- 18 credit hours

[BLE 220: Foundations of Structured English Immersion \(HUAD OR L\)](#) or [BLE 408: Structured English Immersion \(SEI\) Methods \(L\)](#) (3)
[BLE 336: Culturally Sustaining and Transformative Pedagogies](#) (3)
[BLE 338: Foundations of Second Language Acquisition and Development \(L\)](#) (3)
[BLE 400: Principles of Language Minority Education](#) (3)
[BLE 481: Elementary Multilingual Education Practicum](#) (3)
[TEL 340: Families, Communities and Cultures: Cultivating Networks of Culturally Responsive Relationships \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

This certificate program is open only to students majoring in the early childhood education, elementary education, special education, secondary education and physical education undergraduate teacher preparation programs in Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Students should have a valid Arizona DPS Identity Verified Print fingerprint clearance card.

A GPA of 2.25 is required for continued good standing. Students should contact Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student but may not be eligible for an institutional recommendation for Arizona teaching licensure without additional preparation beyond the certificate.

Career opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-after teachers in public, charter and private education institutions, including the increasing number of dual-language programs.

Contact information

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