

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate: (15 Credits)

The English as a Second Language (ESL or ELL) Track (online) has been designed to develop much needed expertise in professionals working with children who are unable to communicate fluently or learn effectively in English. Many of these students often come from non-English-speaking homes and backgrounds, and typically require specialized or modified instruction in both the English language and in their academic courses. Hence, this program addresses “diversity” and “diverse cultures” with an emphasis on the differences these bring to our society. Many of the assignments will enhance the candidates’ knowledge and skills by presenting the students with opportunities to research, understand, reflect, and interact with the multiple dimensions of diversity, including, but not limited to ethnicity, exceptionality, religion, educational status, socioeconomic status, age, and geographical location. The Education Department advocates the Jesuit charisms of: *cura personalis*, *magis*, men and women for and with others, contemplation in action, and finding God in all things. These charisms will be introduced within this program, interwoven into all of the courses’ content and reflections, and authentically assessed through identification of effective teaching practice. Although interwoven throughout all of the program content, two of the four themes within the courses relate directly to the charisms: students and their context (*cura personalis*) and reflective practice as the students contemplate and use this thinking to make changes to curriculum and methodologies. These charisms speak directly to the tenets of effective education and the Catholic, Jesuit mission and tradition embodied in social justice and human dignity.

### Certificate Requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 542	Methods In English Language Learning	3
EDU 541	Curriculum Design For English As A Second Language	3
EDU 543	Practicum In English Language Learning	3
EDU 544	Framework of World Languages and Cultures	3
EDU 692	Cultural Issues in Education	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

*Note: The courses required for the above certificate may be applied to fulfill a Concentration in the Master of Science, Educational Specialist Areas degree for students who wish to apply for the M.S., Educational Specialist Areas.*