

Adult ESL Certificate

Note: New certificate students should begin with one of the two required introductory courses.

Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Offered*		
			FA	SP	SU
ESL 7631	Introduction to the Adult ESL Learner: Developing Reading and Writing Skills	2 credits		X	X
ESL 7634	Introduction to the Adult ESL Learner: Developing Oral Skills	2 credits	X	X	
ESL 7636	Course Design for Adult Education Classes	2 credits	X		X
ESL 7638	Assessment in Adult Education	2 credits	X	X	

**Subject to change, please check Pipeline for current course offerings.*

Course Description: ESL 7631 Introduction to the Adult ESL Learner: Developing Reading and Writing Skills

How do adult learners acquire a second language? What is involved in the development of literacy skills?

Explore the basic concepts of second language acquisition and the development of literacy skills. Discuss how languages are learned, and the implications for classroom instruction. Explore the impact of previous education and key factors affecting how adult refugee and immigrant students learn. Target audience: ESL teachers of adult learners.

Course Description: ESL 7634 Introduction to the Adult ESL Learner: Developing Oral Skills

Uncover the nature of oral communication. Gain an awareness of the form, meaning, and use of spoken English and how to present language to learners most effectively. Learn about the principles of teaching listening and speaking; use of authentic materials; and the assessment of oral proficiency and listening comprehension. Develop a basic understanding of the sound system of English phonetics, stress, rhythm and intonation. Learn strategies for teaching pronunciation. Emphasis is on developing classroom practices that maximize students' participation.

Course Description: ESL 7636 Course Design for Adult Education Classes

How can ESL teachers develop courses to meet a variety of language and learning needs? ESL students come to programs for a variety of reasons: some need English for the workplace; some need survival English; others may want to study in a community college or university. Explore the principles of needs assessment and course design, and learn the tools to develop courses which are tailored to the language and learning needs of your students. Create curricula and materials for use in your own program.

Course Description: ESL 7638 Assessment in Adult Education

Focus on the basic principles of testing and evaluation, and how assessment is related to curriculum. Learn how to conduct valid and reliable formal and informal assessment of ESL learners. Develop authentic assessment tools for academic and workplace settings. Discuss entrance and exit criteria for ESL programs and how to assess student progress. Explore the politics of testing and assessment.