ESL teachers fill many roles, providing both language and academic support to their students. They are vital in advocating for their students within school systems and in educating their colleagues about English learners. A career as an ESL teacher is challenging due to complex issues English learners face in school, yet rewarding because ESL teachers can have such a positive and significant impact on their students’ lives.

With Hamline’s K-12 ESL Licensure program, you will not only learn how to facilitate language acquisition that supports mainstream content, but you can also enjoy the convenience of completing the program entirely online or take courses on campus.

With Hamline’s K-12 ESL Licensure program, you will:

- Understand language systems and how they relate to instruction.
- Explore the relationship between language and culture and its impact on student learning.
- Further develop your knowledge of cultural differences and how they manifest in the classroom.
- Gain the expertise to effectively motivate students while developing and assessing their skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Become an advocate for classroom and school environments that facilitate language learning and involve families and communities as partners.

For more information about Hamline’s K-12 ESL Licensure program, visit hamline.edu/K12ESL
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program delivery
On campus

Program start
Fall, spring, and summer terms

Time to complete
12 to 24 months

Curriculum (25 credits plus practicum)
• Linguistics for Language Teachers (4 credits)
• Basics of Modern English (4 credits)
• Second Language Acquisition (3 credits)
• Development of Literacy Skills (3 credits)
• Testing and Evaluation (2 credits)
• History of English (1 credit)
• Language and Society (4 credits)
• ESL Methods (4 credits)
• Foundations of Reading: K-12 (3 credits) (required for those without an elementary license)
• Practicum Seminar (0 credits)
• Advanced Practicum (credit varies, 1-6 credits)

Licensure: In Minnesota, candidates are required to pass the II ESL Content Knowledge test as part of the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations. Coursework may also transfer to other states to fulfill their licensure requirements. Please consult state requirements to ensure transferability.

Make your credits count for more. K-12 ESL Additional Licensure coursework fulfills the K-12 ESL License concentration requirements in Hamline’s Master of Arts in English as a Second Language program. Courses may also fulfill electives in the Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program.

ADMISSION

To apply for admission to the K-12 ESL Licensure program, please submit:
• Online application.
• Current Minnesota teaching license.
• Official transcript of a bachelor’s degree with a GPA of at least 3.0 from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university. This should be sent directly from the institution to Graduate Admission or provided in a sealed, signed envelope. You do not have to provide transcripts for courses taken at Hamline University.

Provisional admission: If you have a GPA of 2.5-2.9, you may be considered for provisional admission. Please provide a one to two page written reflection indicating your plans for meeting the Hamline GPA requirements if admitted to the program.

APPLY

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