Admissions and Application Questions

Q1: What are the admission criteria for the ESOL endorsement certificate program?

A1: Consult the UGA Graduate School Web site for admissions information. Here is a link to the Graduate School admissions site.

http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/admissions/requirements.html

Q2: How do I apply to take the ESOL courses?

A2: If you hold a BA, BS, or higher degree from an accredited college or university, you can apply as a non-degree seeking graduate student to take the three ESOL endorsement courses. Here is a link to the UGA Graduate School where you can find information on the application process. Scroll down the drop down menu for information on “Non-degree status”

http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/admissions/requirements.html#transient

Q3: I've just graduated from UGA and I want to get an ESOL endorsement added to my Georgia teaching certificate. What are the post-baccalaureate and non-degree course options for me?

A3: Recent UGA graduates (BA or BS) can continue to enroll as a post-baccalaureate student for three semesters following graduation. Consult the Registrar's Office for additional information.

For information on graduate non-degree status, here is a link to the UGA Graduate School where you can find information on the application process. Scroll through the drop down menu for information on “Non-degree status.” When completing an application, you will be asked for the program code; the code is “855N.”

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Q4: Who is eligible to apply for the non-degree ESOL endorsement program?

A4: If you hold a BA, BS, or higher degree from an accredited college or university, you can apply as a non-degree seeking graduate student to take the three ESOL endorsement courses. Here is a link to the UGA Graduate School where you can find information on the admissions criteria. When completing an application, you will be asked for the program code; the code is “855N.”

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Q5: Can I take the ESOL endorsement courses and receive graduate credit without enrolling in a degree program at UGA?

A5: Yes, you can apply as a non-degree seeking graduate student to take the three ESOL endorsement courses. Here is a link to the UGA Graduate School where you can find information on the admissions process. When completing an application, you will be asked for the program code; the code is “855N.”

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Certification and Endorsement Questions

Q6: What am I certified and/or qualified to teach with an ESOL endorsement?
A6: The ESOL endorsement alone does not certify you to teach in a Georgia K12 school. This add-on to a specific field certificate such as Language Arts (6-12), History (6-12), or Early Childhood (P-5) allows you to teach k-12 “pull-out” ESOL classes and sheltered classes in the content area of certification. For example, a teacher with Georgia certification for Math in grades 6-12 can also teach sheltered 6-12 Math classes. The ESOL endorsement is often useful to students wishing to teach English abroad.

Q7: Should I obtain an ESOL endorsement if I am already a certified teacher?

A7: Yes. The ESOL endorsement is useful to every educator, preparing you to meet the needs of English language learners in your classes and understand second language acquisition, language policies, and many other aspects of language education.

Q8: If I want to teach only K12 ESOL in Georgia public schools and I don’t have a clear and renewable certificate, what do I do?

A8: We are working to create such a program at UGA. At this time there is not one at UGA.

Q9: Will the ESOL endorsement qualify me for teaching adult TESOL students at home or abroad?

A9: The ESOL endorsement courses focus on content and pedagogy for teaching k12 English learners enrolled in US schools. Although course concepts from these classes can be adapted and applied to older English learners in the US and abroad, these are not the target students.

Q10: I’ve taken all three of the ESOL endorsement courses. How do I get them added to my endorsement certificate?

A10: If you are currently employed in a Georgia public school, contact your principal or system office for assistance. If you completed the courses at UGA, you may contact the UGA College of Education Student Services Office for information and assistance. If you are not currently employed as a k12 public school teacher in Georgia, you may contact the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) to add the ESOL endorsement to your clear and renewable certificate. http://www.gapsc.com/home.asp

Q11: I think I have credit for one or more of the ESOL courses through a RESA (or other institution that is in-state or out-of state). Will these credits apply?

A11: Consult the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) on whether the credits you have earned can be applied to the Georgia ESOL endorsement for certification. http://www.gapsc.com/home.asp