M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education with Focus on Bilingual/ESL
(includes requirements for ISBE endorsement) for Teachers at levels K-12

The M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education with Focus on Bilingual/ESL, a nationally recognized program by the leading ESL professional organization (TESOL), has the Bilingual/English as a Second Language endorsement approved by the Illinois Board of Education (ISBE) built into the program. The Master’s program is 33 credits and generally takes 2-3 years to complete. The Certificate of Graduate Study is 18 credits for the Bilingual/ESL endorsement. All courses listed below are 3 credits each.

Course Requirements for Bilingual/English as a Second Language Endorsement (18 credits)
EPFE 505—Foundations of Language-Minority Education
LTIC 501—Multicultural Education: Methods and Materials
LTIC 545—Applied Linguistics for Teachers in Multilingual Classrooms
LTIC 520—Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language in Content Areas
LTIC 535—Teaching Language-Minority Students in Bilingual Programs: Methods and Materials
LTIC 547—Assessment of Language-Minority Students

Additional Courses for a Master’s in Literacy Education-Focus on Bilingual/ESL (15 credits)
ETR 519—Applied Educational Research or
ETR 520—Introduction to Research Methods in Education
LTIC 515—Bilingualism and Reading
LTIC 539—Children’s Literature in a Multicultural Society or
LTIC 541—Young Adult Literature
LTCY 590—Workshop in Literacy Education or approved elective
LTIC 598—Issues in Teaching English Language Learners (Capstone seminar)*

* Students are permitted to enroll in this course only after completing all of the other courses in his/her program.

An interested candidate may obtain a graduate application by visiting the NIU homepage: www.grad.niu.edu/grad/apply/degree_seeking.shtml. Completed M.S.Ed. application packets including two letters of recommendation, the completed application, fees, college transcripts, career goal statement, and test scores (GRE or MAT) should be sent to the NIU Graduate School. There is a separate application process for students to be admitted as a Student-at-Large while waiting to be officially admitted into the degree program.

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Courses are offered at NIU campuses in DeKalb, Naperville, and Rockford; Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove; and various school districts. Courses are delivered in face-to-face, hybrid, and online formats.

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