

# Pennsylvania English as a Second Language Program Specialist Certificate Courses

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIUI IV) has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to be a provider of coursework for the Pennsylvania English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Specialist Certificate.

## What is the ESL Program Specialist Certificate?

- The Pennsylvania ESL Program Specialist Certificate enables public school teachers who are currently certified and teaching in the state of Pennsylvania to work with English Language Learners in their school.
- This credential is not valid for teaching English abroad.

## Who can enroll?

- Teachers who hold a valid Pennsylvania Instructional I or Instructional II certificate.
- Professionals who are committed to improving educational opportunities for English Language Learners.
- Fluency in a second language is preferred but not required.

## What are the requirements?

- Participants are required to complete 6 courses:
  - Literacy Acquisition
  - Language Acquisition
  - Observing and Planning Instruction for ESL Students
  - Developing Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity
  - Implementing and Managing Instruction to ESL Students
  - Assessing ESL Students
- Participants must complete 10 hours of field experience in every course.
- Each course has been approved by PDE for 3 graduate-level credits with 90 Act 48 hours. Credits count toward Level II Certification.

## How are the courses delivered?

- The courses are delivered online.

## When can a teacher enroll?

Courses are offered monthly. There are specific start dates for each course. Visit <https://globalclassroom.us/portal/> for a list of course dates.

## How do I enroll?

- Enroll online at <https://miuiv.globalclassroom.us/portal/>

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