

KU SOE PRACTICUM FOR ENDORSEMENT IN ESOL

The endorsement in ESOL is a professional license in the State of Kansas that is typically added to an existing certificate in elementary or secondary education. In the event that a given program participant is in the the process of completing the initial certification, it is also possible to complete the courses required for the endorsement prior to certification as long as the application and initial certification papers are submitted to the Kansas State Department of Education concurrently.

Requirements: The practicum course in ESOL (T&L 820) is a supervised 3-credit hour field experience arranged with an endorsed, cooperating ESOL teacher. The specified minimum amount of time in the practicum field experience is 45 hours. The actual amount of practicum time may exceed 45 hours at the cooperating teacher's discretion during a given semester. This time should involve some observation, but must also include some actual classroom teaching time. The proportion of observation time to teaching time should be discussed and decided upon with the cooperating teacher as the practicum progresses. The student must meet with the cooperating teacher and plan for instruction several times per week during the practicum. The cooperating teacher must write a letter to the student's practicum advisor at the end of the experience documenting the amount of time served in the practicum and evaluating the student's performance in teaching. The student will also be visited by KU School of Education faculty or staff as the practicum progresses. The practicum student must keep a reflective practitioner's journal during the practicum which is then submitted to the practicum advisor and shared with the cooperating teacher at the end of the experience.