ONLINE MASTER’S DEGREE IN TESOL

Program Details

The online Master of Science in Education (M.S.E.) in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at the University of Kansas combines the flexibility of an online learning format with the respect of a rigorous graduate degree.

This master’s degree is designed to prepare educators, regardless of their instructional background, to work with English learners from diverse cultures in their classrooms and schools. You can learn practices to incorporate within existing early childhood, K-12 or adult settings to develop English reading, writing and listening skills in students who are speakers of other languages.

WE OFFER THREE TRACKS FOR THIS PROGRAM

Teacher Track includes practica for classroom educators who intend to acquire an endorsement or license to teach English learners from diverse cultures in their classrooms and schools.

• 30 credits (10 courses, 8 weeks each): complete in as few as 2 years

Non-Teacher Track substitutes coursework for practicum requirement with the expectation that participants want to gain knowledge about how English as a second or other language students learn within English-speaking classrooms, but are not pursuing a teaching license.

• 30 credits (10 courses, 8 weeks each): complete in as few as 2 years

Endorsement-only Track for those seeking master’s-level knowledge and skills, but who already have, or do not require, a master’s degree. Best for currently licensed teachers in states where additional endorsement in TESOL is required.

• 18 credits (6 courses, 8 weeks each): complete in as few as 12 months

Note: This program is not intended for initial teacher licensure or certification; most students are expected to enter the program with an active teacher’s license.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

• Top 10 Best Education School (among public universities)¹

• Learn from dedicated faculty whose research and experience reflects diverse, applied instructional practice in real-world situations

• Create a working instructional portfolio that can be directly applied in your own classroom

• Complete your course work anytime, anywhere, through our innovative online format

• Submit your application with no GRE requirement for admission into the program

¹ Retrieved on January 9, 2018 from usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-kansas-155317/overall-rankings
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To apply to the Master’s in Curriculum & Instruction with an emphasis in TESOL, your first step is completing the online application form. Prior to starting the form we recommend that you review our application checklist.

To be considered for admission, prospective students must have completed a bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 should contact an Admissions Advisor for information about provisional admissions.

Our Admissions Advisors are here to help answer your questions regarding admission requirements and licensure. If you have questions, please email us at onlineinfo@ku.edu or call us at 855-639-7799.

International applicants must meet English language proficiency requirements.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN
This program focuses on effective strategies and practical instruction techniques to prepare teachers for today’s increasingly globalized and diverse world. Courses are designed to equip educators with the tools necessary to teach to English language learners in both U.S. schools and foreign classroom settings.

FACULTY
Faculty in the TESOL program are committed to producing teachers who foster high academic achievement in all students, including learners with diverse racial, cultural, linguistic and socioeconomic backgrounds and at all ability levels. The faculty’s extensive TESOL-related research and wealth of expertise in teaching to non-English speakers from diverse and multicultural backgrounds provide the requisite knowledge and skills required by the State of Kansas to add an endorsement for TESOL to your teaching license.

AFTER GRADUATION
The Master’s in TESOL is designed to prepare the passionate educator for professional roles such as community worker, administrator, classroom teacher or English as second or other language teacher. Focusing on fundamentals of curriculum and instruction, intercultural awareness and understanding language acquisition, this program prepares you to overcome challenges and make a difference in the lives of students.