



ESOL (META) Training Requirements

The 1990 and 2003 Florida META Consent Decree establishes in-service training requirements for all educators delivering services to English Language Learner (ELL) students in the State of Florida per Categories below [1990 META Consent Decree](#) and [2003 Modification META Consent Decree \(Personnel\)](#).

CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	CATEGORY III	CATEGORY IV
Primary Language Arts/English, Developmental Language Arts, Intensive Reading	Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Computer Literacy	All other subject areas not included in Categories I or II*	School-based administrators and Guidance Counselors
Requirements			
<p>ESOL Endorsement:</p> <p>15 semester hours or 300 inservice credit points added to an existing teacher certification area</p> <p>ESOL Inservice or Coursework must include all of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domain 1: Cross-Cultural Communications • Domain 2: Applied Linguistics • Domain 3: Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) • Domain 4: ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development • Domain 5: ESOL Testing and Evaluation, or <p>ESOL Endorsement: infused ESOL training in a DOE approved teacher education program, or K-12 ESOL Certification: Passing Score on ESOL Subject Area Exam and 120 ESOL inservice points or 6 semester hours of ESOL training within three years of passing test.</p>	<p>3 semester hours or 60 inservice credit points in ESOL by September 15 of the following year</p>	<p>3 semester credit hours or 18 inservice credit points in ESOL by September 15 of the following year</p> <p>*Includes electives, support positions (i.e., occupational and physical therapists, school psychologists, speech/language pathologists, social workers, and paraprofessionals serving ELL students).</p>	<p>3 semester hours or 60 inservice credit points in ESOL</p> <p>Must complete within three years of position Assignment;</p> <p>Prior ESOL coursework may be used.</p>

- For information on **CATEGORY** timeline requirements, review SBR 6A-6.0907 Inservice Requirements for Personnel of Limited English Proficient Students, contact the [Department of Bilingual Education and World Languages](#).
- For information on Certification/Adding ESOL Endorsements or Coverages/Out-of-Field Waivers, contact the [Certification Office](#).
- For information on training (ESOL Endorsement and META courses), contact the [Center for Professional Learning - Endorsement Courses](#).