Second Language Education for Working Professionals: Initial Licensure

In order to be recommend for your Minnesota k-12 ESL or World Languages teaching license, you must successfully complete the following licensure requirements.

Required Coursework

You must complete the following licensure coursework with an overall accumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and with individual course grades of a C- or better.

Content Prerequisite Courses

You must complete the content prerequisite course requirement that corresponds to the license area(s) you are pursuing:

- ESL
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Norwegian
- Ojibwe
- Spanish
- Swedish

Common Content Courses

CI 5163: Child and Adolescent Development for Teaching and Learning I (1 cr) AND CI 5164: Child and Adolescent Development for Teaching and Learning II (2 cr)

or EPSY 5001: Learning, Cognition, and Assessment (3.0 cr) AND CPSY 5301: Advanced Developmental Psychology (3.0 cr)

CI 5307: Technology for Teaching and Learning (1.5 cr)

CI 5452: Reading in the Content Areas (1 cr)

EPSY 5017: Teaching Exceptional Students in General Education Classrooms (2 cr)

or EPSY 5015 Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Settings (1 cr) AND EPSY 5016 Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Settings (1 cr)

OLPD 5005: School and Society (2 cr)

OLPD 5009: Human Relations: Applied Skills for School and Society (1 cr)

Licensure Content Specific Courses

ESL

LING 5001: Introduction to Linguistics (4 cr)

CI 5620: Introduction to Second Language Acquisition for Language Teachers (3 cr)

CI 5651: Foundations of Second Languages and Cultures (3 cr)

CI 5642: Assessing English Learners (3 cr)

CI 5646: English Grammar for ESL Teachers (3 cr)

CI 5656: Teaching Literacy in Second Language Classrooms (3 cr)

CI 5657: Teaching Speaking and Listening in Second Language Classrooms (3 cr)

CI 5662: Second Language Curriculum Design (3 cr)

CI 5697: Practicum: Teaching ESL in Elementary Schools (4 cr)

CI 5698: Student teaching in Second Languages and Cultures (6 cr)

See reverse for clinical field experiences, testing, assessment information, and license application information.
World Languages
Cl 5619: Teaching World Languages and Cultures in Elementary Settings (2 cr)
Cl 5621: Cultures as the Core in the Second Language Classrooms (2 cr)
Cl 5651: Foundations of Second Languages and Cultures (3 cr)
Cl 5656: Teaching Literacy in Second Language Classrooms (3 cr)
Cl 5657: Teaching Speaking and Listening in Second Language Classrooms (3 cr)
Cl 5658: Foreign Language Testing and Assessment (3 cr)
Cl 5659: Teaching Speaking and Listening in Second Language Classrooms (3 cr)
Cl 5662: Second Language Curriculum Design (3 cr)
Cl 5696: Practicum: Teaching World Languages and Cultures in Elementary Schools (4 cr)
Cl 5698: Student teaching in Second Languages and Cultures (6 cr)

Clinical and Field Experiences
Field experience for UMN Twin Cities teacher candidates is an intentionally planned part of each licensure program. In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates in the second language education for working professionals program must compete:

Classical Languages
100 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching and
12 weeks of full-time student teaching.

ESL
100 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching and
12 weeks of full-time student teaching.

World Languages
130 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching and
12 weeks of full-time student teaching.

Minnesota State Licensure Testing and Assessments

MTLE (Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations)
Minnesota Professional Educator and Licensing Boards (PELSB) requires that you take and pass the MTLE (Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations) content and pedagogy tests for your MN tier 3 license. Information (registration, study materials) on the required MTLE tests specific to your license area(s) can be found at our MTLE support website.

edTPA (Education Teacher Performance Assessment)
You must successfully complete and submit your edTPA portfolio, as stipulated by PELSB, before being recommended for your MN teaching license. edTPA is introduced in your program method courses, and you will complete it in conjunction with your student teaching. Follow the instructional documents available at our edTPA resource website.

Submitting Your Minnesota License Application
Once the above requirements are confirmed complete (via APAS, MTLE, and edTPA official reports), you must submit your complete Minnesota teaching application to the Office of Teacher Education (OTE). You must follow the teacher licensure application process instructions. OTE licensing team reviews your license application, and once verified that all of the requirements are complete, we send your application packet to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). This usually takes about two weeks, but can take longer during the busy summer season. PELSB typically takes 8-12 weeks to process a license; you can look up your license progress online through PELSB’s website.