

Descriptions of Qualifications and Certificates for Teaching English Language Learners

	Bilingual/ESL Approval	Bilingual/ESL Endorsement	English as a New Language		Transitional Bilingual	Visiting International Teaching Certificate
Definition	Coursework taken either as a part of a teacher certification program or after regular certificate has been obtained.	Coursework taken either as a part of a teacher certification program or after regular certificate has been obtained.	Endorsement on a special certificate	Endorsement on a secondary certificate	Temporary certificate valid for 6 years with 2-year extension if requested.	Issued to teachers trained abroad who are participating in our state-approved international teacher exchange program. Valid for three years and is non-renewable.
Certificate Type	Early Childhood (Type 04) Elementary (Type 03) Secondary (Type 09) Special (Type 10)	Early Childhood (Type 04) Elementary (Type 03) Secondary (Type 09) Special (Type 10)	Special (Type 10)	Secondary (Type 09)	Type 29	Early Childhood (Type 54) Elementary (Type 53) Secondary (Type 59) Special (Type 50) May also obtain endorsements in the following areas: bilingual, ESL, and foreign language
Requirements	18 semester hours, attached to an existing certificate, distributed as shown here: Bilingual/ESL requirements.	18 semester hours, attached to an existing certificate, distributed as shown here: Bilingual/ESL requirements.	Must meet professional education requirements and have completed 32 semester hours in ESL/ENL	24 semester hours in ENL (ESL and Bilingual coursework) and pass the ENL test or 32 semester hours in ENL	Completion of applicable certification program and Bilingual/ESL approval coursework prior to expiration of Type 29	Must have comparable credentials issued by the home country
Testing Illinois Certification Testing System	Must pass ISBE language proficiency test for bilingual approval	Must pass ISBE language proficiency test for bilingual endorsement	Pass basic skills, ENL, and APT tests. Must also pass the language proficiency test if wishing to teach in a bilingual setting.	ENL test required if the applicant only has 24 semester hours. Language proficiency test required if wishing to teach in bilingual setting.	ISBE language proficiency test.	Must demonstrate English proficiency through ISBE-specified testing conducted abroad.

<p>Application process</p> <p><i>(Hyperlink forms)</i></p>	<p>No fee required. ISBE form 73-49 submitted to ROE or ISBE. Verification of teaching experience required for Bilingual/ESL approval. Official transcripts required.</p>	<p>\$30 fee required if added to an existing certificate. ISBE form 73-52 submitted to ROE or ISBE. Verification of teaching experience required for Bilingual/ESL endorsement. Official transcripts required. Endorsements available include: grades K-3 on Type 04, grades K-4 or middle grade on 03, middle grade or senior high school on 09, and K-4, middle grade, or senior high school on 10.</p>	<p>\$30 fee required. ISBE form 73-03C submitted to ROE or ISBE. Official transcripts required. (Foreign credentials evaluated by ISBE-approved agency. ROE may also copy original foreign documents to send to ISBE.)</p> <p>Approved Sources for Foreign Credential Evaluation</p>	<p>\$30 fee required. ISBE form 73-52 submitted to ROE or ISBE. Official transcripts required. (Foreign credentials evaluated by ISBE-approved agency. ROE may also copy original foreign documents to send to ISBE.)</p> <p>Approved Sources for Foreign Credential Evaluation</p>	<p>\$30 fee required. ISBE form 73-03C submitted to ROE or ISBE. Official transcripts required. (Foreign credentials evaluated by ISBE approved agency. ROE may also copy original foreign documents to send to ISBE.)</p> <p>Approved Sources for Foreign Credential Evaluation</p>	<p>\$30 fee required. ISBE form 73-03F submitted to ROE. Official transcripts required. (Foreign credentials evaluated by ISBE approved agency. ROE may also copy original foreign documents to send to ISBE.)</p> <p>Approved Sources for Foreign Credential Evaluation</p>
Clinical experience	100 clock hours or three months teaching experience in Bilingual/ESL setting as applicable.	100 clock hours or three month teaching experience in Bilingual/ESL setting as applicable.	As determined by program/coursework.	As determined by program/coursework.	Not applicable	Not applicable
Prerequisite	Must hold a regular teaching certificate (Type 04, 03, 09, or 10)	Must hold a regular teaching certificate (Type 04, 03, 09, or 10)	Hold a comparable certificate from another state/country or complete a comparable approved program.	Must hold either Type 09 or 10 teaching certificate.	Pass ISBE language proficiency test and complete either a teacher preparation program or hold a bachelors degree or its equivalent.	Must meet visa requirement by submitting proof of legal presence and eligibility for employment in the U.S.
Teaching assignment	As determined by regular certificate(s).	As determined by regular certificate.	May teach K-12 in an ESL setting and K-12 in a bilingual setting only if the certificate has a language designation	May teach ESL in grades 9-12 and bilingual in grades 9-12 if the ENL endorsement also contains a language designation.	May teach in a K-12 bilingual program and K-6 ESL program.	Qualified to teach same subjects/grade levels as those in home country.

Non-Citizens	Not applicable	Not applicable	Submit proof of legal presence and eligibility for employment and <i>Declaration of Intent to Become a United States Citizen</i> (Form 73-91)		Submit proof of legal presence and eligibility for employment.	Submit proof of legal presence and eligibility for employment.
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