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Licensure Requirements for Educators Serving Emergent Bilinguals

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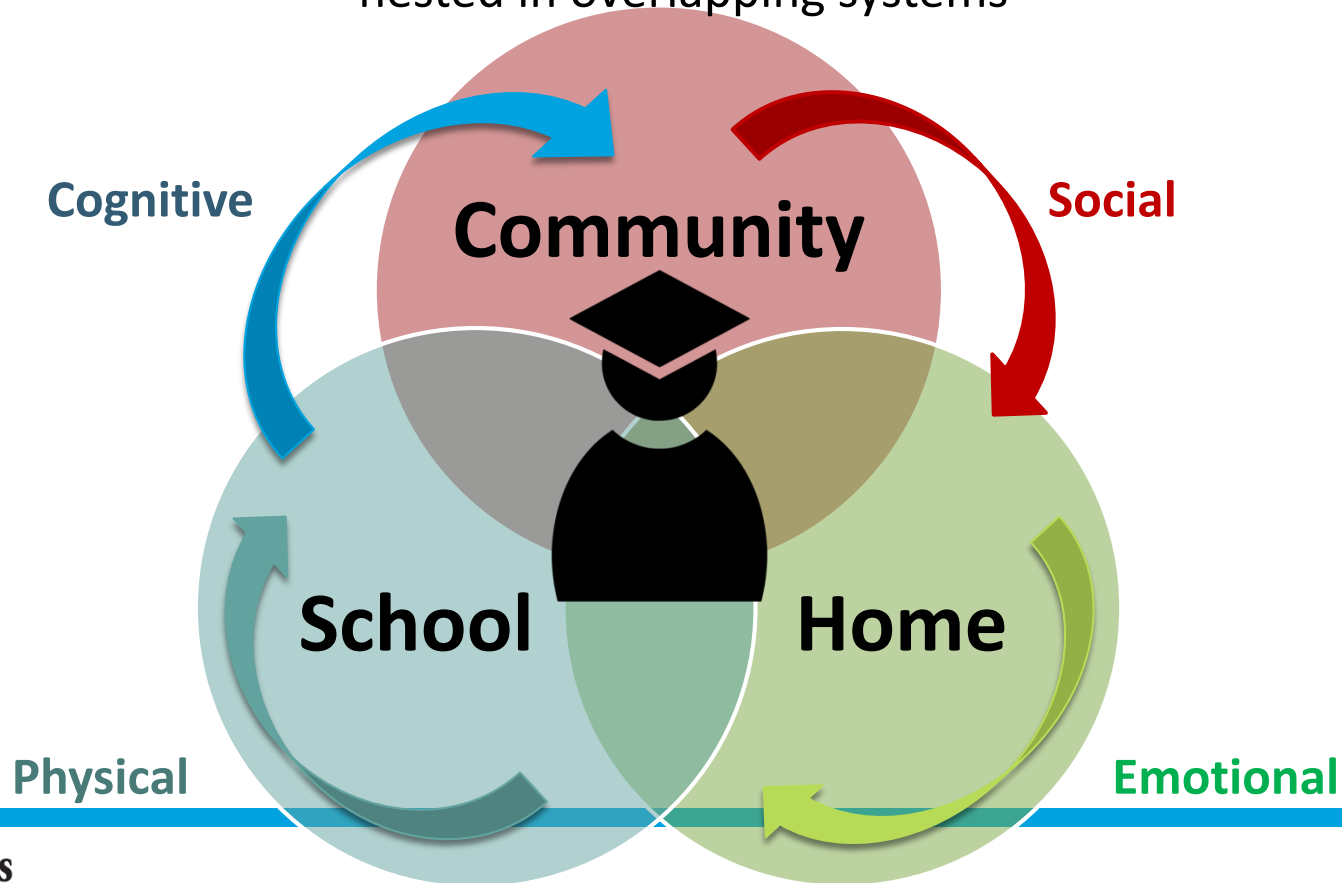
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The Whole Child

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A child within an ecology of multiple and interconnected parts
nested in overlapping systems



Overview

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- Bilingual Endorsement
- ELS-TBE
- ELS-VIT
- ESL Endorsement
- Short-term Approval
- Reciprocity for PELs
- Application Procedures

Bilingual/ESL Licensure



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Bilingual/ESL Licensure

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- Bilingual Endorsement (with language) – Pk-12
- ESL Endorsement – Pk-12
- ENL Endorsement – 9-12 (allows for teaching ESL)
- ENL Endorsement + Bilingual (with language) – 9-12 (allows for teaching ESL & bilingual)
- ELS-TBE – Pk-12
- ELS-VIT – endorsed in the language



Updates



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Updates for Endorsement

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- Bilingual/ESL endorsements are now Pk-12
- Elementary endorsement is now 1-6 as of September 1st, 2019

Bilingual Endorsement



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Bilingual Classrooms

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- 20 or more EBs with the same language in the school
- Instruction in the students' native language in all core subject areas
- Instruction must include content in the students'/parents' history and culture
- Provide English as a Second Language instruction



Bilingual Endorsement PK-12

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- **PEL (+ grade level endorsement)**
 - +Early Childhood Endorsement: Pk-3
 - +Elementary: K-9
 - NEW Teachers (9/1/19): K-6
 - +Middle School: 5-8 + Content or Co-teach
 - +Secondary: 6-12 + Content or Co-teach



Bilingual Endorsement Requirements

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- 18 semester hours of coursework with a distribution:
 - Foundations of bilingual education
 - Assessment of bilingual students
 - Methods and materials for teaching limited-English proficient students in bilingual programs
 - Cross-cultural studies for teaching limited-English proficient students
 - Methods and materials for teaching English as a Second Language; **AND**
 - Completion of a minimum of 100 clock hours or three months of teaching experience in a bilingual program or programs;
 - Appropriate Target Language Proficiency or English Language Proficiency test (if applicable)



ELS-TBE

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- PreK-12
- **Requirements include:**
 - Valid teaching certificate within 5 years from another state or country **OR**
 - Bachelor's degree or equivalent from another state or country,
 - Demonstrate proficiency in both English and the target language OR
 - Studied at a university with the target language or English,
 - Testing is not required if the applicant graduated from an institution where English and the target language were the medium of instruction.
- Valid: 5 fiscal years (non-renewal)
- Details:
 - Educator must be working towards the endorsement
 - Apply through ELIS account



ELS-VIT

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- Applies educators that are part of the Exchange Visitor Teacher Program
- Valid for 3 fiscal years
- Includes the bilingual endorsement
- For info: isbe.net/exchange
exchangeteachers@isbe.net



ESL Endorsement



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ESL Classrooms

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- Does not need proficiency in language other than English
- ESL instruction is required
- May serve students of diverse linguistic and cultural background



ESL Endorsement PK-12

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- **PEL (+ grade level endorsement)**
 - +Early Childhood Endorsement: Pk-3
 - +Elementary: K-9
 - NEW Teachers (9/1/19): K-6
 - +Middle School: 5-9 + Content or Co-teach
 - +Secondary: 6-12 + Content or Co-teach



ESL Endorsement Requirements

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- 18 semester hours of coursework with a distribution:
 - Linguistics
 - Theoretical foundations of teaching ESL
 - Assessment of the bilingual student
 - Methods and materials for teaching ESL
 - Cross-cultural studies for teaching limited-English proficient students, **AND**
- A minimum of 100 clock hours or three months of teaching experience with ESL students
- Section 1.782 Requirements for Teachers of English as a Second Language
<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ONEARK.pdf>



Short-Term Approval & Reciprocity



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Bilingual & ESL

Short Term Approval

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- Requirements:
 - Hold a valid PEL with endorsement on grade range **AND**
 - Transcripts with 9 hours of coursework in the subject area(Bilingual/ESL) or
 - A passing score on the corresponding Illinois Content Area Test.
 - Content area test only pertains to content taught in the Middle or HS setting.
 - The Target Language Proficiency test (TLP) does not count as content area test.
 - There is no content area test for Bilingual nor ESL.
- Valid:
 - 3 fiscal years (non-renewable)
- Details:
 - Educator must be working towards the endorsement
 - Apply through ELIS account



Reciprocity

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- Illinois offers full reciprocity
- Educators are considered for all areas listed on their valid, comparable, out of state/country license
- Requirements:
 - A copy of your valid, comparable out of state/country license
 - A bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
 - Please see the following link for approved foreign credential evaluation sources: <https://www.isbe.net/documents/foreign-cred-eval-svcs.pdf>
- Additional resource: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/PEL-Checklist-OOC.pdf#search=out%20of%20country>



Application Procedures & Resources



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Application Procedures

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- Applicants must set up an account in the Educator Licensure Information System (https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/sign_up.aspx) and apply online through their ELIS account, view deficiency letters and see their credentials.
- A \$50 fee is required for all endorsement applications.
- Applicants with foreign credentials must:
 - Obtain foreign credential evaluation from one of the ISBE approved foreign credential evaluation agencies located at www.isbe.net/certification/html/foreign_credential.htm.
 - Request course-by-course evaluation of all foreign transcripts and credentials.
 - Submit official transcripts containing all of the ESL/bilingual coursework taken.
 - Submit proof of completion of 100 clock hour of clinical experience in an ESL or bilingual setting.



Additional Resources

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- Multilingual Services Licensure Page: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/English-Learners-Licensure.aspx>
- Licensure Page: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure.aspx>
- EB Educator Licensure Matrix - <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ell-licensure-matrix.pdf>

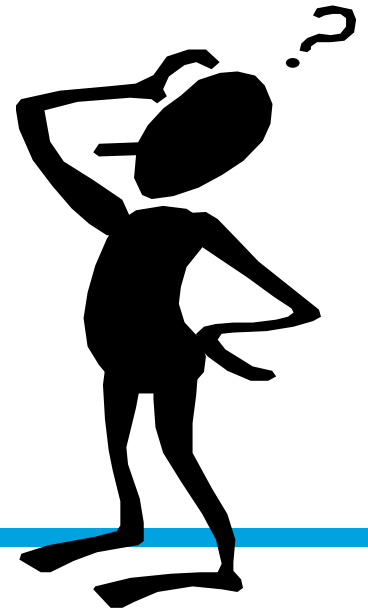


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