**Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows**

**English as a Second Language (ESL): Alternative Track**

**Prerequisites: 2.75 GPA in a language major from an accredited college, MAT/GRE, and AECTP Basic Skills**

**Program: 44 semester credit hours with initial K-12 teacher certification**

***Below is a plan for starting in Fall. A similar plan would be followed for starting in Spring.***

**Apply to UAB for starting the traditional MAEd/ESL in Fall 2016:** [admission process](http://www.uab.edu/education/ci/english-as-a-second-language-program-description/program-admissions)

**May 1, 2016 – Submit degree-seeking** [application](https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantLogin.asp?id=uab-grad) **to UAB Graduate School (Absolute deadline, July 1st)**

**May 15, 2016 – Participate in an initial interview with School of Education’s PCMI selection committee**

**May 20, 2016 – Learn about competitive graduate assistantship:** [spezzini@uab.edu](mailto:spezzini@uab.edu) **(usually just for Fall start)**

**June 15, 2016 – Be admitted to Graduate School and be accepted as a PCMI candidate in education**

**June 20, 2016 – Participate in an interview for a graduate assistantship**

**June 30, 2016 – If selected, be offered a graduate assistantship to start in August**

**On campus at UAB: August 2016 – April 2018 (projected dates and possible course sequence)**

**Fall 2016 (mid August – mid December)**

**EDU 500 *Education as a Profession***

**EESL 510 *Second Language Acquisition***

**EESL 515 *Grammar for ESL Teachers***

**ECY 600 *Introduction to Exceptional Learners***

**Spring 2017 (early January – late April)**

**EESL 525 *Phonology for Second Language Teachers***

**EESL 530 *Methods and Materials for Teaching ESL***

**EHS 556 *Classroom Management***

**Summer 2017 (early May – early August)**

**EESL 512 Curriculum, Programs, and Policies**

**EESL 513 *Teaching ESL in a Multicultural Society***

**EPR 510/511 *Measurement and Assessment***

**Fall 2017 (mid August – mid December)**

**Submit Application for Degree**

**EESL 540 *Teaching ESL through Reading and Writing***

**EESL 560 *Research in ESL***

**EEC 674 *Language Development***

**Spring 2018 (early January – late April)**

**Submit Certification Application**

**EESL 589 *Internship Seminar***

**EESL 590 *Internship, K-12* (student teaching)**

**Comprehensive Examination**

**Graduation from UAB followed by teacher certification issued by the ALSDE**

**Practicum Activities**

* **Field Experiences, Student Teaching Internship, and outreach projects at SOE partner schools**
* **If awarded a graduate assistantship through the department, work about 10 hours a week at UAB.**

**Advantages offered to Coverdell Fellows**

* Scholarship ($1,508), at start of MA program and, after successful completion, at start of second year, which will make out-of-state Coverdell Fellows eligible for in-state tuition throughout both years.
* For assignments in certain courses, activities will be selected to compliment PCV experiences.