**Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows**

**English as a Second Language (ESL): International/Adult Track**

***Prerequisite:* 2.5 GPA in any UG major and either MAT (388) or GRE (290)**

***Program*: 31-33 credit hours (non-certification)**

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

***A similar plan would be followed for starting in Spring.***

**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 initial interview with School of Education’s Coverdell Fellows selection committee**

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

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

**June 20, 2016 – Participate in an interview at the English Language Institute for a graduate assistantship**

**June 30, 2016 – If selected, be offered graduate assistantship by the English Language Institute to start in August**

**On campus at UAB: August 2016 – August 2017 (projected dates and possible course sequence)**

**11 Courses (31-33 semester credit hours)**

 **Fall 2016 (mid August – mid December): 10 credit hours**

**EESL 610 *Second Language Acquisition* (Mondays, 5:00-7:30 pm)**

**EESL 637 *Methods for Teaching English as an International Language* (Thursdays, 5:00-7:30 pm)**

**EESL 647 *Instruction and Assessment: Reading/Writing* (3 Saturdays, 8:00-4:45, plus also online)**

**EESL 677 Field Studies**

 **Spring 2017 (early January – late April): 9 credit hours**

**EESL 617 *Teaching English in a Global Context* (online)**

**EESL 625 *Phonology for Second Language Teachers* (6 Saturdays, 8:00-4:45)**

**EESL 657 *Instruction and Assessment: Listening/Speaking* (Thursdays, 5:00-7:30 pm)**

 **Summer 2017 (early May – early August): 12 credit hours**

**EESL 615 *Grammar for ESL Teachers* (one week in June, Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:45)**

**EESL 627 *Teaching Adult Language Learners* (3 Saturdays, 8:00-4:45, plus also online)**

**EESL 687 *Practicum Seminar* (3 Saturdays at UAB, administrative internship, and field visits)**

**EESL 697 *Practicum* (multiple observations and teaching an ELI course)**

**Comprehensive Examination and Graduation**

**Practicum Activities**

* **Co-teach the School of Education’s weekly Community English Classes (i.e., “lab school”).**
* **If awarded a graduate assistantship, work about 10 hours a week in UAB’s English Language Institute (ELI)**

**Advantages offered to Coverdell Fellows**

* Scholarship ($1,508) upon starting the master’s program
* EESL 677 *Field Studies*

Credit hours reduced from 3 to 1 for Fellows who taught English as their primary PCV job

Major course project: blog and 10-page reflective report based on PCV experience

* EESL 687 *Practicum Seminar*

Activities selected by course instructor and Fellow to compliment PCV experiences