

ALSDE regulations must be met in effect at the time of student teaching and/or employment with a SAC.

Student Teaching in the Alternative Masters Program in ESL

Master of Arts in Education/ESL with K-12 Class A Certification

EESL 690(9) *Internship in ESL* & EESL 689(1) *Internship Seminar*

1. By January 10th prior to the year of student teaching, candidates **must**:
 - a. Meet with their ESL advisor to ensure eligibility for student teaching;
 - b. Submit a *Student Teaching Application* to Clinical Placements (EB 222, 975-5777, dhedge@uab.edu), and
 - c. Update this application immediately if the targeted semester or projected employment has changed.
2. Upon submitting their Student Teaching Application, candidates will receive specific details of student teaching obligations, such as mandatory attendance of all student teachers at a half-day orientation session in August.
3. **In order to be eligible for student teaching**, candidates **must** have
 - a. been unconditionally admitted to UAB's Alternative Masters Program (AMP) before starting their 6th course,
 - b. obtained a passing score (540) on the Praxis II #0360 ESOL,
 - c. posted their 200-hour Field Experiences log on their electronic portfolio,
 - d. completed all courses in the alternative MAED/ESL program (with occasional exception of one course), and
 - e. implemented procedures stipulated by Offices of Student Services (Rm 100) & Clinical Experiences (Rm 222).
4. Candidates **must** do ESL student teaching full-time for 15 weeks, which is almost the entire length of a school semester. They will be placed with cooperating teachers who are full-time ESL teachers, hold Class A certification in ESL (preferably through UAB's ESL certification program), and have taught ESL full-time for at least 3 years. One placement will be in an elementary school and another in a secondary school. These placements will be approximately the same length of time. Candidates will be observed 6 times by a UAB supervisor, three times at each level or at least twice in elementary grades and four times in secondary grades (or vice versa).
5. Other options for meeting this Student Teaching requirement include:
 - a. Employment as a full-time ESL teacher for an entire semester and teaching approximately half the time (e.g., 2 periods a day) in one or more elementary grades (K-6) and teaching the other part of the time in one or more secondary grades (7-12), or vice versa. This can be done while employed at just one school (e.g., a middle school) or as an itinerant teacher at two or more schools (e.g., an elementary school and a high school). Students will enroll in 9 semester hours of EESL 690 in either the Fall semester or the Spring semester.
 - b. Employment as a full time ESL teacher during the school year at either the elementary or secondary level and placement as an ESL student teacher at the other level during a summer school that is at least 6 weeks long or the equivalent. In this case, students will enroll in 6 semester hours of EESL 690 during the school year (either Fall or Spring) and 3 hours of EESL 690 in the previous or following summer.

NOTE: Students cannot teach any other subject while doing their "student teaching."
6. Candidates **must** enroll in EESL 689(1) *Internship Seminar* concurrently with EESL 690(9) *Internship in ESL*.

NOTE: **To be hired as an ESL teacher** in an Alabama public school (based on codes for the date above but subject to change <https://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/ContactForm.asp?section=66&footer=sections>), AMP candidates **must** . . .

- Be unconditionally admitted to UAB's AMP in ESL (not just to the Graduate School);
- (If in doubt, inquire about SAC eligibility: ALSDE 334-353-8567 or Tricia Wool twool@alsde.edu);
- Read about the SAC: http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/section_detail.asp?section=66&footer=sections;
- Have official transcripts sent to Janine McCoy: 1530 3rd Ave. So-EB 100, Bham AL 35294-1250.
- Write "Eligible for Special Alternative Certificate" on the employment application;
- Obtain ALSDE's Special Alternative Certificate: SAC (*This process is initiated by the school system. Once the school administrator completes and signs the goldenrod SAC form, the form is sent to UAB where it is signed by UAB's Certification Officer and sent back to the school.*);
- Have taken the APTTP and be registered to take the Praxis II/ESOL by April of first year of teaching;
- Teach ESL 100% (from bus duty to bus duty) while teaching with the SAC;
- Apply for second and third year of the SAC in coordination with the school system's HR office; and
- Meet requirements and apply for Class A teacher certification in ESL by end of third year of employment.

These regulations apply to all candidates, regardless of when they were admitted to UAB's AMP program. These regulations are also open to interpretation by individual systems and subject to change as determined by the ALSDE.