UAB’s ESL Teacher Education Program: Timeline

1999  First two courses on teaching English Learners
2000  First courses with the new EESL course prefix
2001  ESL program approved by ALSDE, and 3 students earned ESL certification
2002  First student earned ESL certification and MAEd for teaching ESL
       Federal grants (US Dept. of Education): NTNS and Project ACCESS
2003  Federal grant, Project EQUAL, in partnership with Shelby County
2004  21 students earned ESL certification, most with MAEd for teaching ESL
       Alternative Master’s for earning initial ESL certification
2005  81 students with ESL certification and/or MAEd for teaching ESL
2006  Option to pursue MAEd for teaching ESL to adult learners
2007  Federal grants: Shelby STARS (Shelby) and Project HEART (Homewood)
2008  Website expanded: Testimonials, Hall of Fame, and Teacher Resources
2009  Proposal creating MAEd in English as a Second Language with 3 tracks: 
       traditional & alternative to teach PK-12, & international to teach adults
2010  Facebook page launched for UAB’s ESL Teacher Education program
2011  MAEd/ESL with dual PK-12 certification (ESL/French and ESL/Spanish)
       Class AA certification in ESL approved by the ALSDE
2012  Federal grants: SPEAK (Jefcoed), EDGE (Etowah), and ECHO (Enterprise)
       Partnership with Peace Corps for hosting Master’s International
2013  Community English Classes at SOE as “lab school” for MAEd/ESL students
2014  Peace Corps partnership expanded to include Coverdell Fellows
2015  Partnership with International University of Gran Bassam (Ivory Coast)
       Summer ESL writing with Literacy Council & Jeff State Community College
2016  Students serve in the Peace Corps: Macedonia, Tonga, Lesotho, & Ecuador
       Federal grants: CREST (Gadsden/Attalla/Etowah) and IMPACT-PD (ECE)
2017  MAEd/ESL program’s International track renamed TESOL track
       INTO UAB students (China, India, Vietnam) arrived for MA-TESOL Pathway
       3 ESL teachers started Educational Studies in Diverse Populations PhD
2018  Certification program nationally recognized w/conditions by CAEP/TESSL
       ESL Title III supervisor from South Dakota completed the EdS online
       Eds in TESOL established with 2 tracks (certification and non-certification)
2019  Graduate Certificate “Micro-Credential in Teaching Multilingual Learners” 
       Statewide Coalition for creating Seal of Biliteracy for Alabama high schools
       Several MA courses are being adjusted for online delivery as of 2020

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1999 - 2019

April 30, 2019
Hill Student Center
Alumni Theater

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
UAB’s ESL Teacher Education Program: Accomplishments

Scholarly Productivity
10 ESL federal grants ($15 M) since 2001
31 articles/chapters in refereed publications

746 Alumni
83 “Add-on” certification (until 2009)
430 MAEd with ESL Class A certification
117 MAEd with alternative ESL Class A cert.
91 MAEd for teaching ESL to adult learners
25 Educational Specialists for teaching ESL

Our alumni have taught in 43 of Alabama’s 67 counties and also in 32 states and 41 countries.

Clinical Placements in PK-12 Settings
Private Schools: St. Bernard’s and St. James

Clinical Placements in Adult Learner Settings
English Language Institutes at 4-year Institutions: University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama, Samford University, Auburn University at Montgomery, University of West Alabama, University of Nevada in Reno
Community Colleges: Gadsden State, Jefferson State (Shelby), Lawson State, Shelton State, and Wallace State (Dothan)
Community English: UAB/SOE Community English Classes, UAB Smolian House, Literacy Council of Central Alabama, Literacy Council of Central Alabama (outreach to 10+ ESL sites), Toyota Family Literacy Program (Shelby), Refugee Center (Mobile), Presentation Lantern Center (Dubuque, Iowa)
Overseas—English as a Foreign Language: Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Macedonia, Paraguay, Tonga

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Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Welcome: Telling our Story
Autumn Cyprès, Ed.D.
Dean, School of Education

Having a Vision and Getting Started
Julia S. Austin, Ph.D. (retired)
Graduate School Professional Development Program

Expanding Program to Meet School & Community Needs
Susan Spezzini, Ph.D.
Professor & Program Coordinator, English Learner Education

Strengthening Partnerships and Clinical Experiences
Josephine Prado, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, English Learner Education

Preparing All Teachers and Creating New Knowledge
Kelly Hill, Ph.D.
Asst. Professor, English Learner & Early Childhood Education

Outreach of ESL Alumni: Changing Lives
Dr. Susan Spezzini

A Time to Celebrate
Dean Autumn Cyprès

Reception in Lobby until 7:00 PM
Poster display of accomplishments and slide show of photographs

Musicians:
Annesley Streets (violin), Josephine Cox (viola), Donny Snyder (cello)