10 reasons to enroll

English as a Second Language or Bilingual Endorsement Program

Offered in Palos Heights and online
Why choose Trinity?

1. ESL/Bilingual Teachers Needed
   According to the Illinois State Board of Education, nearly 9% of students are English language learners. Increase your value and marketability as a teacher and meet the growing demands of districts. A second language is not required for an ESL endorsement or approval.

2. Advance Classroom Skills
   Learn methods to best serve your students and expand your career opportunities by adding an English as a Second Language or Bilingual (ESL or BL) endorsement to your teaching license. We offer in-depth coursework, proven methodology and hands-on classroom skills that will equip educators to work with this growing population.

3. Online or in the Classroom
   The ESL/Bilingual Endorsement program at Trinity Christian College is offered in two formats. You can choose to attend class one night a week on campus in Palos Heights or take classes online.

4. Supportive Faculty
   All courses are taught by professors who have experience in multicultural classrooms. The small class sizes ensure that you will receive support and attention. Your professors are dedicated to assisting you. They will know your name and will help you earn your endorsement.

5. Cohorts of Adult Students
   The ESL/BL program curriculum is designed for teachers like you. You will learn with a cohort - the same group of about 20 students - throughout the entire program, allowing you to form friendships and develop a support system.
Graduate or Undergraduate

If you take classes on campus, you can choose to take graduate or undergraduate level courses. If you enroll in undergraduate level coursework, you may enroll in the program while concurrently earning your license. If you enroll in graduate coursework, you must already have your Illinois teaching license.

One Year Program

You can earn an endorsement in just one year. Attend class just one night a week, from 6-9 PM, on the same night each week. Classes are each 8 weeks in length, allowing you to concentrate on one class at a time and to complete your program in one year.

Academic Support

Students have access to academic support and tutoring provided by the Office of Learning Services. If you need assistance with writing papers, resources are readily available. A reference librarian will be able to help you when conducting research.

Affordable Tuition

Rental books are included in your tuition. Tuition in the ESL/BL program is $499 per credit hour for undergraduate courses and $605 per credit hour for graduate courses. For your convenience, payment plans are available.

Faith-Based Perspective

At Trinity Christian College, we recognize that “the earth is the Lord’s and everything and it” (Ps 24:1). As a result, everything that we do - from academics to service to community - integrates our faith.

Trinity Christian College - it’s not just a name. It’s an experience and a community of people who will support you every step along the way. You matter to us, and we will help you succeed.
Course Name | Course Credits | Course Length | Semester
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Foundations of Teaching Bilingual/ESL Students | 3 credits | 8 weeks | 1
Cross Cultural/Multicultural Issues in Education | 3 credits | 8 weeks | 1
Linguistics | 3 credits | 8 weeks (+ 3 Saturdays for graduate) | 2
Methods and Materials of Teaching ESL Students | 3 credits | 8 weeks | 2
Methods and Materials of Teaching Bilingual Students | 3 credits | 8 weeks | 3
Assessment of Bilingual/ESL Students | 3 credits | 8 weeks | 3
Program Total | 18 credits | 1 Year |

Ready to begin

We look forward to having you join an upcoming cohort! After you have reviewed the information in this brochure, follow these simple steps to begin the admissions process.

1. Apply online at apply.trnty.edu, or complete the enclosed application.

2. Contact the college(s) that you have previously attended and request your official transcripts.
   If you have attended college outside of the United States, those transcripts will need to be evaluated by Educational Credential Evaluators Inc. For information, visit their website: www.ece.org

3. For graduate level coursework, submit an original research paper, with APA citation (minimum 8 pages).

4. Mail a copy of your current Illinois teaching license, college transcripts, application, and $25 application fee to:
   Trinity Christian College/Adult Studies
   6601 W. College Drive
   Palos Heights, IL 60463

Trinity Christian College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and a member of the North Central Association (www.ncahu.org). The College is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education for elementary, secondary and K-12 license.