



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MEMPHIS**  
College of Education

**Teaching English as a Second  
Language (TESOL) (PreK-12)  
Licensure  
Master of Arts in Teaching  
Department of Instruction & Curriculum  
Leadership  
Advising Sheet**

Welcome to the TESOL Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades PreK-12. This degree sheet is a guide for selecting and sequencing courses required in the MAT program. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Paris Samuels, MAT Academic Counselor at [pnkelsey@memphis.edu](mailto:pnkelsey@memphis.edu).

- **Teacher Education Program (TEP):** MAT candidates must apply for admission to TEP before the end of the second semester and fulfill all TEP requirements. Candidates must have a 3.0 graduate GPA to be admitted to TEP and maintain a 3.0 GPA while in the graduate program.
- **Licensure Exams:** Candidates are required to pass Praxis II exams in order to be licensed to teach in Tennessee. For registration information, costs and more details go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org), click on Praxis and use the dropdown menu to find the correct required exams.
- **Job Embedded Practitioner (JEP) License:** For information go to: <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/licensure/jep-teaching-license.php>. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier, [mlanier@memphis.edu](mailto:mlanier@memphis.edu) for more information.
- **edTPA:** All candidates obtaining a MAT and TN Teaching Licensure must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment, edTPA. You are only required to submit the edTPA portfolio if you are enrolled in ICL 7808. Job-embedded teacher candidates are not required to submit the edTPA.

**Level 1 Course Work**

**Suggested Course Sequence**

Fall I Semester (9 Hours)

- ENGL 7531 - Theory and History of ESL
- ENGL 7535 - ESL Grammar
- LITL 7552 – Foundation Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics

Spring I Semester (6 Hours)

- LITL 7553 - Literacy in Grades PreK-4\*\*
- ENGL 7532 - Principles of Skills Assessment\*\*

Summer I Semester (6 Hours)

- ENGL 7538 - Culture Issues in ESL
- EDPR 7117 - Life-Span Human Development

**Requirements Timeline**

Fall I Semester

- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.
- Praxis 5362 (English Speakers of Other Languages)
- Please access Praxis Resources here.

Spring I Semester

- Continue Praxis support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.
- **If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.**

Summer I Semester

- Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.

**\*\*Courses with asterisks (\*\*) have clinical/field hours connected to them. You will be expected to visit a school to complete these hours. Your course instructor will share the number of hours to be completed with you.\*\***

# Level 2 Course Work

## Fall II Semester (6 Hours)

- SPED 7000 - Critical Foundations/Inclusive Education\*\*
- ENGL 7533 - Methods and Techniques of ESL\*\*

## Spring II Semester (6 Hours)

- ICL 7709 - Utilizing Assets in Classrooms\*
- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Research Design and Methodology

## Summer II Semester (3 Hours)

- IDT 706I - Digital Literacy

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# Level 3 Course Work

## Fall III Semester (9 Hours)

- ICL 7808 - The Clinical Teaching Semester
- ICL 7993 - Current Trends in Diverse Education

## Fall III Job-Embedded Candidates (3 Hours)

- ICL 7992 - Master's Project

- Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:

- Praxis 5362 (English Speakers of Other Languages) completed prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses.

- Apply for graduation through myMemphis.edu student portal at the beginning of the semester you plan to graduate. Please go to this link for information on the steps to graduate:  
<https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/>

**Total Hours: 45**

**Job Embedded Practitioner Hours: 39**

**\*\*Courses with asterisks (\*\*) have clinical/field hours connected to them. You will be expected to visit a school to complete these hours. Your course instructor will share the number of hours to be completed with you.\*\***

- An application is required one (I) semester prior to The Clinical Teaching Semester – ICL 7808.
- All clinical teaching candidates must take the Professional Seminar to obtain licensure- ICL 7993.
- (No other courses may be taken with the clinical teaching semester and/or the ICL 7993 Current Trends in Diverse Education or 7992 Master's Project classes).
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from submitting the edTPA.