



TESOL Graduate Study for Maryland Educators

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) offers its Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (**MA TESOL**) and Postbaccalaureate Certificate (**ESOL PBC**) at a discounted tuition rate for Maryland educators.

Program Options

ESOL PBC (12 credits)

The post-baccalaureate certificate is for any teacher, whether in ESOL or other content areas, who has students who are learners of English. The PBC provides foundational professional development in areas such as teaching methodology for second language learners, intercultural communication, second language literacy, and language assessment, among other areas. Teachers may select from a wide range of specialized courses to tailor the certificate to their own specific needs.

MA TESOL

The MA TESOL is for educators who seek in-depth knowledge of effective principles and practices for working extensively with English learners. Holders of the MA TESOL work as ESOL teachers as well as educational leaders. The **MA TESOL General Option (36 credits)** is for teachers who already hold initial certification in any subject area. The **MA TESOL with P-12 ESOL Certification (42 credits)** is a Maryland Approved Program that leads to initial certification. The **MA TESOL with Thesis (39 credits)** is ideal for teachers interested in practitioner research or who plan to continue in a doctoral program in applied linguistics, TESOL, curriculum and instruction, or literacy, among other areas. There is also an option to combine P-12 certification with a thesis.

Flexible Online Study

Courses are taught online in an asynchronous format that allows professionals to balance their studies with work and family.

Eligibility

Maryland public school teachers, paraeducators, and administrators are eligible to apply. For more information about admissions requirements visit <https://tesol.umbc.edu/requirements>

Discounted Tuition

Qualified Maryland educators receive a 20% discount on UMBC tuition rates and waiver of most course fees.

Certification and Endorsements

Certified teachers may add an ESOL endorsement to their Maryland teaching license by either passing the state-mandated Praxis exams or completing 30 credits of TESOL coursework. Paraeducators and conditionally certified ESOL teachers may earn Maryland teaching licensure through the MA TESOL with P-12 ESOL Certification.

Questions?

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