

# Endorsement Courses

## What is an Endorsement?

An Endorsement is an [add-on to a teaching certificate](#) that meets the requirements set forth by the State to serve a specific population of students. In Florida, the three most common Endorsements include:

**ESOL**

**Reading**

**Gifted**

*Each course is 60 Hours (Equivalent to 3 College Credit Hours). The entire Endorsement for each subject is 300 Hours.*

## ESOL

ESOL, or English for Speakers of Other Languages, is required of any teacher of ELA. Though the full endorsement or certification is not required of ALL teachers, ALL teachers do have at least one course they must take in the state of Florida.

### ESOL Endorsement:

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/preparation/additional-resources.stml>

- ESOL 1: Culture
- ESOL 2: Language & Literacy
- ESOL 3: Methods of Teaching ESOL to Speakers of Other Languages
- ESOL 4: Curriculum and Materials Development
- ESOL 5: Assessment

*\*Please note that if you choose the **ESOL Certification** pathway, you are **still required** to complete **two** of the **five Endorsement Courses**.*

Non-Endorsement ESOL Courses include:

- ESOL 6: ESOL for Administrators (60 Hours)
- ESOL 7: ESOL for Counselors (60 Hours)
- ESOL 8: The 18-Hour Course for Resource/Elective Teachers (18-Hours)

## READING

Reading is required of any teacher who specifically serves the needs of struggling readers as outlined by the State. The teachers required to have the Reading Endorsement or Reading Certification are outlined in the District Comprehensive Reading Plan created by the Curriculum Department.

### Reading Endorsement:

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/preparation/additional-resources.stml>

- Competency 1: Foundations of Reading Instruction
- Competency 2: Application of Research-Based Instructional Practices
- Competency 3: Foundations of Assessment
- Competency 4: Foundations of Applications of Differentiated Instruction
- Competency 5: Demonstration of Accomplishment

## **GIFTED**

Gifted is required of any teacher who specifically serves the needs of students labeled as gifted.

### **Gifted Endorsement:**

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/administrative-rules/6a-4-01791.stml>

Nature and Needs of Gifted Students

Curriculum and Instruction Strategies for Teaching Gifted Students

Guidance and Counseling of Gifted Students

Educating Special Populations

Theory and Development of Creativity