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The LeBron James Family Foundation
College of Education

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TESOL Endorsement

There is a rapidly growing need for qualified individuals to teach English Learners (ELs) in the United States and abroad. To meet this need, The University of Akron's LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education offers a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Endorsement program for K-12 teachers, including special education teachers, who seek to deepen their understanding of how to teach English as a Second Language (ESL).

The program of study provides multiple opportunities to explore best practices in teaching ESL to meet the needs of this growing population. The program provides a solid foundation in linguistics, second language acquisition theory, second language pedagogy, and opportunities to observe and practice approaches to teaching ELs.

Requirements:

- The TESOL Endorsement is a graduate-level endorsement required to teach ESL in an Ohio public/chartered school. It must be attached to a teaching license.
- Passing the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) Test for English to Speakers of Other Languages is required at the end of the program.
- Non-native speakers of English must have a minimum score of 79 on the internet-based TOEFL

Courses include:

- techniques for teaching ESL
- teaching literacy for ELs
- scaffolding language and content learning
- inclusive education
- linguistics and language arts
- theoretical foundations and principles
- practicum in teaching ESL



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