Endorsement requirements for

The requirements posted below have been determined by the Virginia Department of Education. The specific courses listed below are in compliance with state requirements.

The candidate must have:

1. Graduated from an approved teacher preparation program in English as a Second Language; or
2. Completed 24 semester hours of coursework distributed in the following areas:
   - Teaching of reading (the courses must include the five areas of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and text comprehension as well as the similarities and differences between reading in a first language and reading in a second language; one course must address reading instruction to English language learners) - 6 semester hours:
     EDCI 5264 Comprehending Processes and Reading in the Content Area, 3 hours (practicing teachers or preservice teachers in other content areas should have already completed this course); and
     EDCI 5744 Teaching Languages in Middle and Secondary Schools II, 3 hours
   - English linguistics (including phonology, morphology, syntax of English) - 3 semester hours:
     ENGL 4064 English Linguistics, 3 hours; or
     ENGL 4074 English Syntax, 3 hours; or
     ENGL 4044 Language and Society, 3 hours
   - Cross-cultural education - 3 semester hours:
     EDCI 5914 Diversity and Multicultural Education in the Teaching of English Language Learners, 3 hours
- Modern foreign languages (if an applicant's primary language is other than English, all 6 hours must be in English) - 6 semester hours:
  6 post-secondary semester hours of any modern spoken language, not necessarily at graduate level.

- Electives in second language acquisition, general linguistics, applied linguistics, psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, ESL assessment, or ESL curriculum development - 3 semester hours:
  EDCI 5964 Field Study Assessment and Curriculum Development in Content Areas for ELL, 3 hours

- Methods of teaching English as a second language at the elementary and secondary levels - 3 semester hours:
  EDCI 5724 Teaching Languages in Schools I, 3 hours

Note: Current SOE students pursuing licensure in another content area must work with English Language Learners (ELLs) during at least one class period each day that they are in the schools for both their Field Studies and Student Teaching.