

Boston College
Lynch School of Education
TELL Teaching English Language Learners Certificate
Undergraduate
Academic Year 2011-2012

Boston College Lynch School offers a certificate in Teaching English Language Learners. Candidates should be working toward a licensure in an education field (early childhood, elementary, secondary, reading and others). This program is designed to *prepare mainstream teachers to work with bilingual learners/English Language Learners in their mainstream classroom settings*. The certificate requires two courses and a free non-credit workshop taken during one of the field experiences. In addition, candidates need to do a field experience in a classroom that includes bilingual learners.

Candidates interested in also obtaining *an ESL licensure* should take the ESL MTEL test and apply individually to the Mass. Department of Education. For further information contact Dr. Mariela Páez, Lynch School of Education (paezma@bc.edu).

Courses

- **ED 346** Teaching Bilingual Students
(Section .01 elementary or section .02 secondary) (Fall, Spring, Summer)

- **ED 308** Bilingualism in School and Communities (Fall)

Workshops leading to certification as a Certified MELA-O Administrator (offered in fall/spring as free non-credit 10-hour training over two sessions). For information and dates, check www.bc.edu/title-iii.

- ***Note:*** MELA-O training is required for students in the BC TELL certificate program since it covers the information in Category 3 of the state-required categories of skills and knowledge required to be “qualified” to work with English Language Learners in SEI classrooms in Massachusetts. Those who complete other TELL program requirements and *pass* the MELA-O qualifying test will receive a certificate indicating that they have met the skills and knowledge covered in categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 and therefore meet the requirements to be “qualified” to work with English Language Learners in SEI classrooms in Massachusetts. Those who complete other TELL program requirements but *do not pass* the MELA-O qualifying test will receive a certificate indicating that they have met the skills and knowledge covered in categories 1, 2, and 4.

Recommended Elective:

EN123 Language and Ethnicity (Spring)

Field Experience:

ED 151/152 or 153 Pre-Pre-practicum Experience (or equivalent) in a classroom with bilingual learners.

