**Teaching English Learners Graduate Certificate Program**

**Preparation for Praxis II ESOL Exam for MSDE TESOL Endorsement**

**Baltimore County Public Schools – January 2025 Cohort**

The purpose of this program is to prepare and support classroom teachers in their work with multilingual learners. The four-course program introduces teachers/graduate students to foundations of multilingual learning and immigration experiences, to assessment and instruction with multilingual learners, to the linguistic bases of language and literacy development, and to school-community partnerships for immigrant families. Graduates will be better able to serve multilingual learners in classrooms and contribute to enhanced school and family community relationships.

**Certificate and Endorsement:**

* Completion of the program leads to **Towson University Graduate Certificate in Teaching English Learners**
* Coursework prepares teachers to pass the Praxis II ESOL Exam which, along with TRE Praxis, is required for **MSDE TESOL Endorsement**.

**Program Overview:**

* Four (4) courses (3 credits each), 12-credit program
* One-year program: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall Sessions, 2025
* Online evening and summer courses

**Coursework:**

Winter 2025 REED 652 Linguistics for Teachers of Language and Literacy

Spring 2025 REED 650 Social Cultural and Curricular Contexts for Second Language Learning

Summer 2025 REED 651 Instruction and Assessment for Second Language Learners

Fall 2025 REED 670 Field Based Practicum in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Settings

**TU Towson Learning Network (TLN) cohort advantages:**

* Reduced tuition rates and waived application fee.
* Direct Billing to BCPS for students eligible for tuition reimbursement benefits.
* Support in program enrollment and course registrations.

**For application, registration, and tuition information**, contact Kippi Sutphen at the Towson Learning Network, ksutphen@towson.edu.

For more information on the Teaching English Learners Graduate Certificate Program contact the Program Director, Dr. Stephen Mogge, at smogge@towson.edu or <https://www.towson.edu/tln/reading-education.html>.