

ESL Advisory Council: 2010 Agenda

MAEd/ESL for Teaching Adult Learners

University of Alabama at Birmingham

ESL Teacher Education Program

Feb. 9, 2010 (1:30-3:00): EB 226

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Today's Objectives (meet requirements of SOE's accreditation agency)

- Expand Advisory Council
- Provide update on last year's recommendations.
- Identify other needs to be targeted during the coming year

3. Summary from first ESL Advisory Council Meeting (2/10/09)

- Identified needs of ESL centers: staffing and ongoing professional development
 - Support: ESL presentations at ALSDE conference for Adult Education (July 2009)
 - B'ham Literacy Council's conference for volunteer ESL instructors (10/30/09)
- Identified needs of UAB's MAEd/ESL program: Practicum placements
 - Pre-practicum experiences: observing and/or teaching (100 hours)
 - Practicum: teaching and targeted observations (200 hours)
- Identified need for courses targeted on specific content for teaching ESL to adults
- Identified need for greater visibility of the non-certification MAEd/ESL

4. Update on progress

- Non-certification MAEd/ESL: 12 graduates to date (2006-09)
- Curriculum Task Force (has met as needed)
- Program Proposal
 - Create a separate MAEd/ESL program
 - Establish 3 Tracks: Traditional, Alternative, International
 - NOTE: The current non-certification option becomes the International Track.
 - Continue with 6 of the current courses
 - EESL 610 Second language acquisition (fall & spring)
 - EESL 615 Grammar for ESL Teachers (fall & summer)
 - EESL 625 Phonology for ESL Grammar (fall & spring)
 - EESL 627 Teaching adult learners (summer)
 - EESL 697 ESL Practicum: Adult ELLs (fall & spring)
 - GRD 704 Specialized Instruction: Shadowing (fall/spring/summer)
 - Develop 5 new courses for the proposed International Track
 - EESL 617 Teaching English within a Global Context (fall)
 - EESL 637 Methods for Teaching English as an International Language (spring)
 - EESL 647 Instruction and Assessment: Reading and Writing (fall)
 - EESL 657 Instruction and Assessment: Listening and Speaking (spring)
 - EESL 687 Practicum Seminar (summer)

5. What are your needs?

- Schools and Colleges
- Community Programs

6. How can UAB's MAE/ESL program help you?

- School of Education's ESL website: www.ed.uab.edu/esl
- Blue advising packet: *non-certification MAEd/ESL*

7. Actions and Plans

- Program Planning and Curriculum Task Force
- Possible member rotations on the Advisory Committee
- Plans for Next Meeting: What about Tuesday, February 8, 2011?
- Possible Topics for next meeting: Establishing subcommittees
 - Evaluating quality of UAB's ESL teacher education program
 - Making recommendations to finetune MAEd/ESL program