

ESL Advisory Council: 2011 Agenda
MAEd/ESL for Teaching Adult Learners
University of Alabama at Birmingham
ESL Teacher Education Program
Feb. 15, 2011 (1:30-3:00): EB 226

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

- Provide update on accomplishments since last year's meeting
- Identify needs and goals for the coming year

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

- Revisited needs of ESL centers: staffing and ongoing professional development
 - Literacy Council's second annual conference for volunteer ESL instructors (10/22/10)
- Discussed increased 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)
- Described progress of Task Force in designing curriculum for ESL teachers of adult learners
- Explained goal of creating a separate MAEd/ESL program

4. Update on progress

Non-certification MAEd/ESL: 18 graduates to date (2006-11)

Program Proposal

Separate master's degree with 3 tracks (traditional, alternative, international)

UAB (SOE & Graduate School), UA System Trustees, AL Commission on Higher Education

Curriculum developed by our Task Force

6 former courses

EESL 610 *Second language acquisition*: Fall & Spring (Monday evening)

EESL 615 *Grammar for ESL Teachers*: Fall (Wednesday evening) & Summer (1-week)

EESL 625 *Phonology for ESL Grammar*: Fall (Tuesday evening) & Spring (Saturday)

EESL 627 *Teaching adult learners*: May (Tuesday/Thursday evening & Saturday)

EESL 697 *ESL Practicum: Adult ELLs*: Fall/Spring (TBA)

GRD 704 *Specialized Instruction*: Shadowing: fall/spring/summer (TBA)

5 new courses

EESL 617 *Teaching English in a Global Context*: Fall (online)

EESL 637 *Methods for Teaching English as an International Language*: Spring (Thurs.)

EESL 647 *Instruction and Assessment: Reading and Writing*: Fall (Monday)

EESL 657 *Instruction and Assessment: Listening and Speaking*: Spring (Monday)

EESL 687 *Practicum Seminar in Adult English Language Teaching*: June (Tu/Th & Sat)

Responses to needs that were expressed last year

Projects: Briarwood (curriculum assessment), St. Francis Xavier (design & implementation)

Partnership: Literacy Council (Board meeting, United Way allocation, Literacy award)

International Linkages: First scholarship student from abroad (Mexico)

5. What are current needs?

UAB: Placements for Pre-Practicum, Practicum, & EESL 610 students

Promotion of International Track (as of June 2011)

Schools, Colleges, and Community Programs: ...

6. How can UAB's MAE/ESL program continue to help your programs?

School of Education's ESL website: www.ed.uab.edu/esl

Blue advising packet: *non-certification MAEd/ESL*

7. Actions and Plans

Pending implementation of International Track (fall 2011)

3-year rotation of Advisory Council members (recommendations for successors)

Plans for Next Meeting: What about Tuesday, February 14, 2012? Or a different day of the week?

Possible Topics for next meeting:

Evaluating initial experiences of the International Track

Making recommendations to finetune new curriculum