

## Accomplishments of UAB's ESL Teacher Education Program

<b>1999</b>	First 2 graduate courses are offered on how to teach ESL.
<b>2000</b>	3 more graduate courses are offered on the teaching of ESL.
<b>2001</b>	ESL program is approved by the ALSDE. First 3 students become ESL-certified for K-12 through "add-on" approach.
<b>2002</b>	1 student becomes ESL-certified for K-12 by earning an MAEd. 2 ESL grants are awarded by USDE Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA): Project ACCESS and NTNS
<b>2003</b>	17 ESL courses are offered. Another USDE grant is awarded by OELA: Project EQUAL (Shelby County).
<b>2004</b>	21 students earn MAEd for teaching ESL and/or become ESL-certified for K-12. Alternative Master's Program (AMP or "5 <sup>th</sup> year") is launched for earning initial certification to teach ESL in K-12.
<b>2005</b>	81 students earn MAEd for teaching ESL and/or become ESL-certified for K-12.
<b>2006</b>	44 students obtain an average score of 670 on the ESOL Praxis (ALSDE cut score = 540). Option is introduced for pursuing the MAEd with the goal of teaching ESL to adult learners.
<b>2007</b>	2 ESL grants are awarded by OELA: Shelby STARS (Shelby) & Project HEART (Homewood). Funding from 5 grants reaches \$5M.
<b>2008</b>	ESL program's website is expanded to include Testimonials, Hall of Fame, and Teacher Resources.
<b>2009</b>	Proposal is submitted for changing classification of MAEd degree from Arts Education to English as a Second Language. Proposal includes the establishment of 3 tracks: Traditional track, Alternative track, and International/Adult track.
<b>2010</b>	UAB's ESL Teacher Education program opens a Facebook page.
<b>2011</b>	MAEd/ESL with dual K-12 certification (ESL/French and ESL/Spanish) is approved by the ALSDE. Class AA certification in ESL through the SOE's EdS in Education is approved by the ALSDE.
<b>2012</b>	3 ESL grants (\$5M) are awarded by OELA: Project SPEAK (Jefcoed), Etowah EDGE (Etowah), Southeast ECHO (Enterprise).
<b>2013</b>	Partnership is established with Peace Corps to host its <i>Master's International</i> program & train PC Volunteers to teach English.
<b>2014</b>	Peace Corps partnership is expanded for UAB to admit Coverdell Fellows (i.e., returning PC Volunteers) for earning MAEd/ESL.
<b>2015</b>	Relationship is established with Int'l University of Gran Bassam (Ivory Coast) for IUGB to host UAB's apprentice ESL teachers. Summer ESL writing course is established jointly with Jeff State Community College and The Literacy Council of Central AL.
<b>2016</b>	2 ESL grants (\$5.2 M) are awarded by OELA: Project CREST (Gadsden/Attalla/Etowah/St. James) and IMPACT-PD (ECE). SOE graduates its first Peace Corps <i>Master's Int'l</i> student (Macedonia) and receives its first <i>Coverdell Fellow</i> (Cambodia).
<b>2017</b>	3 Peace Corps <i>Master's International</i> students complete second year of teaching English overseas (Tonga, Lesotho, Ecuador). MAEd/ESL program's International/Adult track changes its name to the MA-TESOL track. First group of INTO UAB Pathway students (2 from China, 2 from India, and 1 from Vietnam) begin pursuing SOE's MA-TESOL.
<b>2018</b>	First student from out-of-state (South Dakota) completes graduate ESL degree online plus 2-week summer residency at UAB. EdS in TESOL with 2 tracks (certification and non-certification) is approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. 5 ESL doctoral students are in the Pedagogical Track pursuing SOE's new PhD: <i>Educational Studies in Diverse Populations</i> . <b>Milestone:</b> 700 program completers by August 2018
<b>2019</b>	SOE will have an exhibitor booth for the first time at the International TESOL Convention (Atlanta, March 12-15).