The on-site ESL Certification cohort program for Philadelphia is a three (3) semester program. Courses begin in Spring 2015 on-site in Philadelphia at PASSHE Center City. The credits earned in these courses are applicable towards certification as an ESL Program Specialist.

Below are the steps to apply for admission to the ESL Certification program:

- **Application for Admission** - Official application form for admission into Millersville University Graduate Studies. Applicants to all degree and certification programs use this application form. Must include $40 application fee. The form can be found at www.millersville.edu select the “Admissions” tab, select “Graduate Admissions Home”, select “On-line Application Portal”

- **Letters of Recommendation** - Three (3) letters of recommendation preferably from a supervisor or faculty member familiar with your work and academic background are required with application for admission. When you complete the online application you will have an opportunity to send your references an electronic form.

- **Academic and Professional Goals Statement** - A signed academic and professional goals statement (approximately 300 words) is required with application for admission. The statement should include experiences which have influenced your decision to pursue post-baccalaureate studies and a self-assessment of your potential for advanced study and service in your chosen field.

- **Transcripts** - One (1) official transcript of baccalaureate and graduate work completed at all colleges or universities you have attended. Transcripts must bear the official institutional seal and be contained in a sealed institutional envelope. Millersville University graduates need not request a transcript. Submit a copy.

- **Instructional I Certification** - Submit a copy.

Cohort participants must follow the program’s course sequence as outlined on page two. There may be exceptions made for those who have a significant conflict in consultation with the Program Coordinator and Associate Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies.
**Required Courses**

**EDUC 561 - Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs, and Assessment** (3)

**EDUC 562 - Methods for Teaching English Language Learners** (3)
Provides prospective and practicing teachers with an opportunity to apply theoretical foundations of second language acquisition to teaching in the classroom. Methods for developing English language learners’ conversational and academic language, as well as strategies for learning in the content areas. Prereq: EDUC 561. Offered Summer 2015.

**EDUC 563 - Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in the Classroom** (3)
Examines U.S. and world cultures, sources of cross-cultural conflict and approaches to cross-cultural conflict resolution as it relates to K-12 settings. Explores approaches for creating classrooms that promote equity and an appreciation for diversity. Offered Fall 2015.

**EDUC 564 – Assessment, Policies, & Practices in Teaching English Language Learners** (3)
Focuses on the use of various tools in assessing and planning for the linguistic and instructional needs of English learners. Contains a public school field experience component where participants apply methods and principles for supporting English language learners in K-12 settings. Examines state and federal policies as they relate to schooling and English language learners. Prereq: EDUC 561 or 562. Offered Fall 2015.

**EDUC 565 Language/Literacy Interv: Clinical Practicum** (6)
Application of literacy theory and knowledge of effective researchbased instruction. Assessment of English language learners. Acquisition of academic vocabulary, instructional strategies for teaching content area vocabulary and text, and use of interventions in a clinical setting. Prereq: EDUC 561, 562, 563 and 564 or permission of instructor. Offered Spring 2016.
Signature Page

To reserve your spot in the cohort for the ESL Certification Program held on-site in Philadelphia, please submit this signed signature page and completed application. Completed forms should be sent to Graduate & Professional Studies, Attn: Philadelphia Cohort - ESL, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551 or fax to 717-872-3453. Please keep a copy of this signature page for your records.

Submission of this signature page constitutes the following agreement:

- I agree to the cohort terms and conditions (outlined on page one) for the on-site ESL Certification Program cohort.
- I understand that I must meet the admission requirements for the program and must follow the course sequence outlined on page two.

Name: ____________________________

Employer: __________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Home Phone: ___________ Day Phone: ___________

Email Address: ____________________________

Upon completion of this form, you must submit your materials required for the admission process and must complete the registration form(s) for the spring courses offered to the cohort on-site for Spring 2015.

- Logistical questions about the program offerings, location, and registration should be directed to Cheryl Batdorf (Cheryl.Batdorf@millersville.edu) or 717-871-2053.
- Questions concerning the application or admission process should be directed to Callie Cash at (Callie.Cash@millersville.edu) or 717-871-2367.