

## Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education: Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Is an *Additional Qualification Certificate* the same as a *Post-Degree Certificate*?**

- The University of Saskatchewan has recently adopted the term *Post-Degree Certificate* (PDC) for a number of specialized programs. Some of the PDCs meet the requirements of the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers' Regulatory Board (SPTRB) for an Additional Qualification Certificate (AQC). The Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education has been approved by the SPTRB for an AQC.

**2. I have a B.Ed. but do not have one full year of teaching experience in Saskatchewan. Will I be accepted into the certificate program?**

- It is recommended that you have one full year (200 days) of teaching experience after receiving your Bachelor of Education degree. If you have been a substitute teacher, you may count these days as well.
- The College of Education will request that you provide your university transcript, teacher's certificate, and teaching experience from your school division. This may take the form of a letter from the Human Resources Superintendent or your school principal confirming your year(s) of teaching experience.

**3. My teaching certification and teaching experience have taken place outside of the province of Saskatchewan. Can I register for the certificate program?**

- Yes. Most courses are delivered online (some exceptions apply, please contact a college advisor). Therefore access to the certificate program is open to teachers in all locations. You will need to provide the College of Education with your university transcript, teacher's certificate, and a letter from your current employer or a past education employer to confirm your year(s) of teaching experience.

**4. I have a B.A. and a B.Ed. and am already in Class V on the Saskatchewan teachers' pay grid. Will the Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education allow me to move to Class VI?**

- No, this is not possible with undergraduate degrees or with a combination of an undergrad degree and another certificate program. If you have reached Class V with two undergrad degrees (e.g., B.A. and B.Ed.), a Post-Degree Certificate will not place you in Class VI.
- There are a number of pathways teachers can follow to reach Class VI. With the exception of one pathway (holding a 4-year Honours B.A. or B.Sc.), all other pathways require one full year of **graduate level study** (typically 800 level courses) and a total of **six years** of post-secondary education.
- The combination of a B.Ed., M.Ed. (30 credit units) and the Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education (30 credit units) which is an approved AQC as explained in Question 1, will allow teachers to move from Class V to Class VI.
- For a complete description of Class VI, please refer to the Ministry of Education manual [Teacher Classification in Saskatchewan](#) (October 2016), p. 27-29. A summary chart appears on p. 32 of the manual.

**For more information, contact the Department of Curriculum Studies, College of Education at 306-966-7601, or email the college at [eal.inquiries@usask.ca](mailto:eal.inquiries@usask.ca) Teachers who wish to be granted an AQC must apply to the **SPTRB** for recognition of program completion. The date of the application determines the effective date of the certificate.**

<p>I have completed the CERTESL program offered at the U of S, but I'm interested in the Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education. What courses are required?</p>	<p>I am already in one of the previously approved programs (Integrated Program Component-based AQC or Advanced CERTESL – 10 course program). Will my program still be approved by the SPTRB?</p>	<p>I am a PreK-12 teacher interested in pursuing a CERTESL certificate as well as the Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education. What should I do?</p>
<p>If you have completed the CERTESL program within the past five years, three courses may be counted toward the Post-Degree Certificate: ECUR 291.3, ECUR 391.3 and ECUR 393.3. You will need to complete the remaining seven courses for the 30 credit-unit requirement.</p>	<p>Teachers who began either of these programs prior to the implementation of the new <i>Post-Degree Certificate in EAL Education</i> may complete their studies as previously planned. You will fulfill the requirements for an AQC.</p>	<p>CERTESL includes material relevant to young adults and transitions to life beyond high school. Additional courses may be required to complete CERTESL. Please contact the CERTESL Academic Program Advisor at 306-966-2085 or email <a href="mailto:shannon.storey@usask.ca">shannon.storey@usask.ca</a></p>