



BILINGUAL CERTIFICATION PATHWAY

MTEC's Bilingual Endorsement is a one year proficiency-based program for teachers throughout the state of Wisconsin who teach students in a bilingual setting.

For teachers who are **regular ed or special ed licensed teachers** and are deemed proficient in a second language by their district or school, MTEC offers a 2-semester, add-on bilingual certification.

Resident teachers in MTEC's initial certification program for Regular Ed or Special Ed or secondary content-areas and placed in a bilingual classroom can simultaneously obtain Bilingual Endorsement.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How do I know I need Bilingual Certification?

The school district/school in which you work determines if you need bilingual certification based on the students in your classroom. Many districts in Wisconsin have a developmental approach to meeting the needs of bilingual students. Teaching to English Language Learners (ELLs) requires a specific knowledge base and teaching strategies, specifically in the area of literacy and language learning..

2. What is the cost of the Bilingual Program?

The Bilingual Program cost is \$4,500. Added tuition is charged for teachers working 50 miles or more outside of Milwaukee.

3. How do I know if I am proficient enough in the 1st and 2nd language?

Your district or school determines proficiency.

4. What happens in the program?

The program consists of in-class seminars, in-class mentor support, evaluation by in-class assessor observations/evaluations, participation in an on-line Learning Community, and development of a Bilingual Portfolio

5. What happens if I change schools mid-year?

To meet the standards of the Bilingual program, participants need to teach in a bilingual setting.

6. Why should I do this program rather than one through a university?

The MTEC program is designed for your specific teaching situation, focusing on you in your classroom and your ELLs' needs. Through the mentor visits and seminars, your learning will be fully relevant to your situation and needs. Also, this certification serves you well as you renew your license through the PI-34 PDP process.

7. For this certification do I need to take any other state tests?

No. You do not need to take a Praxis (or Core) test. You do not need to take the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin

8. For language groups other than Spanish, can teachers get bilingual endorsement?

Yes, teachers of other language groups, such as French, German, Hmong, can participate in the MTEC bilingual program.

9. How many credits do I receive for this program?

This is a non-credit bearing program.



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