Unconditional Admission to an ESOL Program. The program must meet the requirements in Rule 290-3-3-.42. Initial certification in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is at the Class A level. Requirements for unconditional admission to the program include at least a valid bachelor’s-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field. (Additional information specific to Alternative Class A programs is provided in Rule 290-3-3-.44.) If an individual is unconditionally admitted to an Alabama Class A program based on a valid bachelor’s- or master’s-level professional educator certificate from another state, completes a Class A program, and subsequently applies for Alabama certification at the Class A level, then the individual must hold at least a valid Class B certificate before applying for Class A certification.

Requirements for Certification for Teachers of ESOL. Readiness to serve as a teacher of English for speakers of other languages shall include:

(a) An official transcript from a regionally accredited institution documenting an earned master’s degree.

(b) A survey of special education course is required unless that course was taken for prior level certification. [See definition (51)]. An individual who completed a survey of special education course prior to meeting requirements for unconditional admission to a Class A program July 1, 2017, and thereafter, must take a course focused primarily on one of the following categories: methods of
accommodating instruction to meet the needs of students with exceptionalities in inclusive settings, multicultural education, teaching English language learners, rural education, or urban education. A course used to meet this requirement for one level of certification may not be used to meet the requirement for a higher level of certification.

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