# Teaching English Language Learners Undergraduate Certificate (CTELL)

**Introduction**

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The Certificate in Teaching English Language Learners (CTELL) is designed to help you gain the skills necessary to teach English Language Learners at a variety of levels. It is built to serve those who want to teach in multilingual public and private schools in America as well as those who plan to teach English overseas. This certificate also serves the needs of international students wanting to teach English in their home country or other countries.

The program, which can be completed through CU Online, is designed to build the necessary skills to teach adults English as a second language. It is primarily aimed at native speakers of English who want to teach overseas but may serve the needs of international students wanting to teach English in their home country or other countries. Opportunities exist for internships at CU Denver’s ESL Academy, International College of Beijing (ICB) and other language schools.

Upon successful completion of the program, CTELL graduates will be able to:

- discuss the theoretical basis of English language instruction
- demonstrate a variety of effective English language teaching techniques
- explain, in pedagogically relevant ways, the linguistic structures of the English language

**When can I start?**

You may begin in any semester. There is no fixed deadline for application for admission.

**Program Delivery**

- This is an online program.

**Declaring This Certificate**

- Please contact the certificate faculty advisor.

For questions about the Teaching English Language Learners (CTELL) certificate program contact Joanne Addison (joanne.addison@ucdenver.edu).

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Teaching English Language Learners (CTELL) advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

**Program Requirements**

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 ENGL credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division (3000-level or higher) credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Courses taken using pass/fail grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
4. All credits for the certificate must be completed with CU Denver faculty.

**Program Allowances or Restrictions**

1. The same courses counted toward a minor or degree at CU Denver may also be used toward the requirements for a certificate.

**Required Courses**

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**Electives**

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Alternative elective approved by program advisor.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our [website](#).