

**LETTER OF INTENT – 1**  
(New Certificate or Degree Program)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas
2. Education Program Contact person/title: Dr. Sharon Gaber/ Provost and
3. Telephone number/e-mail address: *sgaber@uark.edu/ 479-575-5459*
4. Proposed Name of Certificate or Degree Program: Master of Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
5. Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2013
6. Requested CIP Code: 13.1401
7. Program Description: The program is designed to prepare teachers in the U.S. and abroad to teach English to students whose first language is not English; graduates are also prepared to create and implement curriculum and appropriate assessments for English as a second or foreign language (ESL). Included in the course work for the M.Ed. are the four courses required by the Arkansas Department of Education for endorsement in ESL. ESL is listed on the Arkansas List of Teaching Areas of Critical Need and this program is expected to help reduce that need

8. Mode of Delivery (mark all that apply):

**On-Campus** – Yes

**Off-Campus Location** – Does not apply

Provide copy of written notification (via e-mail) to other Arkansas institutions of the proposed programs and their responses.

Indicate distance of proposed site from main campus.

**Distance Technology** (50% of program offered by distance technology)

Does not apply

Submit copy of written notification (e-mail) to Higher Learning Commission if proposed program will be offered 50% asynchronously.

9. List existing certificate or degree programs that support the proposed program:  
The ESL endorsement program is currently housed in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (CIED), College of Education and Health Professions and the proposed MEd in TESOL will join it in CIED.

10. President/Chancellor Approval Date:

11. Chief Academic Officer:

Date: