

**Palm Beach County School District – Nova Southeastern University (NSU)
Teacher Training Agreement – English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
Online Course Agreement**

NSU agrees to provide the Category One Online program to 75 participants, with 25 participants per course with textbooks for a total amount of \$70,500 per year under a contract with the Palm Beach County School District (PBCSD).

This proposal intends to develop a collaborative agreement between the Palm Beach County School District and the Fischler School of Education and Human Services at Nova Southeastern University. The Palm Beach School District – NSU Teacher Training Agreement is designed to provide Palm Beach County teachers the appropriate online coursework as mandated by the Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy (META) Consent Degree of August 14, 1990.

After appropriate course work has been earned, Palm Beach County teachers will have the option of forwarding all graduate credits earned through this agreement to the Master of Education with a specialization in TESOL offered by the Fischler School of Education and Human Services at Nova Southeastern University.

Category I

ESOL, English Language Arts, English Teachers, or Reading Teachers

State of Florida Endorsement Requirements:

Certification in another subject appropriate to the teaching assignment (Elementary Education, English ESE, or Foreign Language).

15 graduate credits in ESOL

- Cultural and Cross-Cultural Studies (TSOL 562)
- Applied Linguistics (TSOL 567)
- Methodology of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TSOL 569)
- Curriculum Development in TSOL (TSOL 515)
- Testing and Evaluation in BLE/TSOL (TSOL 547)

Three of the above bulleted courses will be delivered during an eight-week period in an online format via WebCT.

After the completion of the 15 graduate credit program above, participants wishing to pursue the Master of Science in Education with a specialization in TESOL at the Fischler School of Education and Human Services (FSEHS) at Nova Southeastern University may elect to transfer these courses forward to their program of studies as graduate academic credit hours. Once the participant has completed the Category I courses needed, the remainder of their program of studies with NSU will be at regular Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP) tuition rates.

Category I Courses:

TSOL 562: Cultural and Cross-cultural Studies

The course, cross-cultural studies, examines cultural factors that may influence learning. The course focuses on concepts of culture and cultural issues. It builds a greater awareness of the role culture plays in defining who we are. The course encourages teachers to apply this knowledge to make practical changes in the classroom that will facilitate better learning. This course is required for a M.S. in TESOL and for the Florida and Nevada add-on ESOL Endorsement.

TSOL 567: Applied Linguistics

An introduction to the linguistic principles and terminology that inform ESOL methodology. Students will learn to carry out phonological, morphological, syntactic, and lexical analysis. Emphasis will be on first and second language acquisition. Students will learn to analyze language data and diagnose possible problems encountered by students learning English as a second language. This is a required course for the M.S. degree in TESOL and for the Florida and Nevada add-on ESOL Endorsement.

TSOL 569: Methodology of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

A survey of approaches, methods, techniques, and procedures for teaching English to non-native speakers in grades K-12. This is a required course for the M.S. degree in TESOL and for the Florida and Nevada add-on ESOL Endorsement.

TSOL 515: Curriculum Development for TESOL

This is an introduction to curriculum development for ESOL teachers. It includes a general overview of curriculum design, the basics of second language curricular needs and how to adapt the content curriculum for LEP students, with emphasis on integrating language and content by means of thematic units. Different types of ESOL programs will be studied. Students will also learn how to evaluate and adapt materials for LEP students. This is a required course for the M.S. degree in TESOL and for the Nevada and Florida add-on ESOL Endorsement. There are no prerequisites.

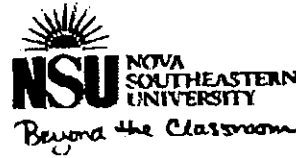
TSOL: 547 TESTING AND EVALUATION IN TESOL

This course examines traditional and standardized tests and their role in the ESOL classroom. It emphasizes the use of portfolio assessment and other alternatives to document children's learning experiences, meet standards, and connect assessment to instruction. This is a required course for the M.S. degree in TESOL and for the Florida and Nevada add-on ESOL Endorsements.

Length of Contract: 1 year (Fall 2006 term, Winter 2007 term, and Summer 2007 term).
One online course will be delivered each of the terms above.

Program Costs to PBCS:

Tuition and Fees (\$850 & \$30)	\$ 66,600
Textbooks (\$60 ea)	<u>\$ 4,500</u>
Total Cost	\$ 70,500



**Fischler School of Education and Human Services
Palm Beach County School District**

ESOL Endorsement Proposal [Fully Online Courses]

Program to be Offered: 75 Students TESOL Endorsement Courses
[Fully Online Delivery]

Number of Participants: 75 enrollments

Length of Contract: 1 year (Fall II 2006, Winter II 2007, and Summer II 2007)

Program Cost to PBCS:

Tuition and Fees	\$ 66,000
Textbooks	\$ 4,500
Total Cost	\$ 70,500

Note: Nova Southeastern University will be responsible for logistics related to the provision of textbooks.

