Get your endorsement in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL)!
It’s easy!!!

Whether you are an Early Childhood Unified, Elementary Education or Middle level/Secondary major, you are gaining the knowledge and skills you need to be a successful teacher of English language learners! The courses you are completing in your undergraduate degree have been specifically designed to prepare you to meet the needs of ELLs. **Adding the TESOL endorsement to your teaching license will increase your employment opportunities.** You have three options for adding the TESOL endorsement to your license.

Option 1. Take all three Praxis exams listed below prior to graduation.
   * TESOL endorsement
   * Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)
   * Praxis content (specific to your licensure area)
   - Passing the TESOL at this time will allow you to add the endorsement to your initial licensure application.
   - You will pay only one licensure application fee to KSDE if you apply for the TESOL endorsement at the same time you apply for your initial license.
   - The benefit of this option is that you are more marketable across multiple districts, enhancing your prospects of getting hired.

Option 2. If you plan to teach in Wichita Public Schools, you can wait to take the TESOL exam until after you get hired.
   - The benefit of this option is USD 259 pays tuition for graduate courses in ESOL.
   - The disadvantage of this option is USD 259 may not hire you. Not all districts provide this benefit to teachers.

Option 3. Defer the decision to take the TESOL exam until after you apply for your initial license.
   - The benefit of this option is you can enroll in a 1 credit hour TESOL test prep course offered at WSU. This TESOL test prep course provides additional support for you to be successful in passing the exam.
   - The disadvantage of this option is you will pay an additional licensure application fee to KSDE when you apply for the added TESOL endorsement to your initial license.