



# Online Graduate Certificate in Educating Bilingual Learners

## 12-Credit Educating Bilingual Learners Online Graduate Certificate

*According to national statistics, nearly one in four children in the United States speaks a language other than English at home. Today, the National Education Association reports that 6 million English Learners are currently enrolled in U.S. schools. The NEA Policy Brief predicts that by 2025, nearly 25 percent of students in public schools will be ELs.*

The Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut (UConn) is now offering a 4-course, 12-credit online graduate certificate designed for practicing educators who wish to hone their skills in order to better support English Learners in schools. At the completion of the Educating Bilingual Learners program (EBL), you will:

- Be prepared to support and advocate for bilingual learners in general education and dual language programs.
- Understand key principles of language acquisition and cultural competence and their implications for curriculum, instruction, and assessment with bilingual learners.
- Become familiar with the many assets of bilingual learners, their families, and communities, and be able to incorporate these assets into instructional activities.

**4** REQUIRED COURSES **12** CREDITS IN TOTAL

**EDCI 5890** – Educational Linguistics  
**EDCI 5875** – Multicultural Education  
**EDCI 5742** – Sheltered English Instruction for ELLs  
**EDCI 5750** – Language Diversity and Literacy

### Online Individual Graduate Courses in EBL

*Students with a Bachelor's degree or higher can take UConn's online Educating Bilingual Learners certificate courses as "non-degree" students. Learn more at [bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu](http://bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu)*

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## The Educating Bilingual Learners program:

- Includes four graduate-level courses, each of which is required for the CT TESOL and bilingual cross-endorsements. This enables participants to make progress towards either or both cross-endorsements.
- Is flexible and can be completed in a calendar year, an academic year, or over two academic years to accommodate individual preferences and timelines.
- Offers a fully online course sequence, with the option to take some courses on the Storrs or a regional campus depending on course schedules.
- Provides courses taught by faculty from UConn's Neag School of Education, which was recently recognized as one of the top 25 public graduate schools of education in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

*A Bachelor's degree is required to apply for the Educating Bilingual Learners Graduate Certificate. We are currently accepting applications for Summer 2020. Apply now to avoid last minute processing delays!*



### 100% Online\*\*\*

The Neag School of Education has offered e-learning graduate certificate programs since 2001. This new program, Educating Bilingual Learners, takes full advantage of our many years of experience creating a dynamic online learning platform. In general, the courses are structured around weekly modules, each with a separate topic. Yes, there are deadlines. But for the most part, our online platform—Husky CT/Blackboard—is asynchronous, enabling you to work at your own pace and on your own time, at home or at the office.

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### Research 1 Institution

UConn is a Research 1 Institution, and as such, faculty participating in this program have extensive research and service partnerships with local education agencies in Connecticut and other states, as well as with faculty at other institutes of higher education in the region, personnel at relevant professional organizations in the region and across the country, and key staff in the Connecticut State Department of Education. Participating faculty are engaged in research related to the effective education of English Learners, language, and literacy development in English and the home language, professional development of teachers, and asset-based approaches to working with linguistically and culturally diverse students.



### Who Should Apply

The graduate certificate in EBL is a 4-course, 12-credit program intended for educators who are interested in better supporting English Learners in schools. This includes:

- Classroom teachers
- Literacy and reading specialists
- Special education teachers
- School psychologists
- School counselors
- Art, music, and physical education teachers
- Media specialists
- School support staff
- Administrators

### EBL Faculty:

- **Elizabeth Howard**, Associate Professor, Bilingual Education
- **Michele Back**, Assistant Professor, World Languages Education
- **Danielle Filipiak**, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
- **Eileen González**, PhD, Alum and adjunct professor from the University of Saint Joseph, Connecticut
- **Sandra Quiñones**, Associate Clinical Professor of Teacher Education

### Program Fees:

Students taking courses in the Educating Bilingual Learners Graduate Certificate program pay a comprehensive fee of \$925 per credit or \$2,75 for a 3-credit course. The cost of the 12-credit certificate program is \$11,100. **Please check the website at [bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu/tuition-fees](http://bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu/tuition-fees) for updates.**

### Admissions:

To apply for admission to the EBL Online Graduate Certificate, complete the application process at [bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu/how-to-apply](http://bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu/how-to-apply).

Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university. **Please check the website at [bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu/how-to-apply/](http://bilinguallearners.online.uconn.edu/how-to-apply/).**