



## **ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGE FORM**

**DIRECTIONS:** Use this form when proposing a change to an existing academic program (e.g. name changes, structural program changes, etc.). Name changes do not require Board of Regents' approval.

**DATE OF REQUEST:** 9/27/2013

*Date of AAC Approval:*  
October 29, 2013

**INSTITUTION:** Nevada State College

**NEW NAME (or structural change):**

*Date of Board Approval:*

**CURRENT NAME (or structure):** Teaching English as a Second Language

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE:** Spring 2014

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### **A. Brief description of proposed change**

Nevada State College (NSC) proposes to offer our existing Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) post-baccalaureate endorsement program at a reduced fee. The program offers four three credit TESL courses taught over the course of a single academic year that, when combined with a valid teaching license, meets certification requirements through the Nevada Department of Education for a TESL endorsement. The four courses are EDRL 471 Language Acquisition, Development, and Learning; EDRL 474: Methods for English Language Learners; EDRL 475 Assessment and Evaluation of English Language Learners and EDRL 477: Curriculum Development for English Language learners.

### **B. Justification for proposed change in existing academic program**

The TESL program is a high need area for the Clark County School District. According to the Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing from the US Department of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education, Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition are current high-need fields in schools that serve low-income students. Nevada has been identified as having a shortage of teachers in this area. CCSD currently has over fourteen schools in which the majority of the students are second language learners and a relatively small proportion of teachers who hold the TESL endorsement. The request for the reduced fee is intended to position the program to be competitive with non-NSHE institutions who offer similar endorsement programs and to better serve the needs of the school district. Under the new funding formula, this reduction in fee is not off-set by state support and will be absorbed by the institution.

### **C. Relationship to other programs or units within the institution and system**

NSC's post-baccalaureate endorsement program is a stand-alone endorsement program that is not part of a larger graduate degree program and is offered on-site within the Clark County School District. Both UNLV and UNR offer opportunities for students to acquire a TESL endorsement, though each has a slightly different pathway for obtaining said endorsement.

**D. Estimate of resources needed for proposed change (personnel, library holdings, facilities, equipment)**

Existing full and part-time faculty will teach the courses for the first few years. If enrollment exceeds expectations and new faculty lines become necessary, additional funds will come from enrollment-generated state funds. Existing library holdings, facilities and equipment are sufficient to support the program.

**E. Estimated annual financial impact of proposed change**

NSC is proposing to reduce the total per credit fee for these four post-baccalaureate TESL courses from \$138.25 to \$86. In so doing, NSC will continue to allocate to the access, general improvement, capital improvement and student association as if the full \$138.25 were being assessed. Under the new funding formula, all student tuition and registration fees generated are retained by the institutions with no General Fund offset. Therefore, the reduction in fees will be absorbed by the institution. At \$86 per credit hour, this program will generate enough revenue to provide the instruction.

*Please attach any supporting documentation (i.e. support letters from community, industry).*

***NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual***  
**CHAPTER 7, new SECTION 8**  
Fee for TESL Endorsement Courses, NSC

Additions appear in ***boldface italics***; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

***Section 8. Fee for TESL Endorsement Courses, NSC***

***The following courses required for the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Endorsement at NSC may be offered at a reduced fee of \$86 per credit with the approval of the President: EDRL 471 Language Acquisition, Development, and Learning; EDRL 474: Methods for English Language Learners; EDRL 475: Assessment and Evaluation of English Language Learners; and EDRL 477: Curriculum Development for English Language Learners.***

***RENUMBER SECTIONS 8 THROUGH 19 AS SECTIONS 9 THROUGH 20***