

Ellevation Professional Learning Opportunity for the South Carolina ESOL Endorsement FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	Answers
Can an educator use previously completed modules that appear on the pathway to count toward the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement?	Yes. previously completed modules on the pathway can be considered. Please submit an Ellevation help desk ticket to have each module's reflections reviewed by Ellevation's review team, and remember to opt-in to the ESOL endorsement pathway.
If an educator earned renewal credits for previously completed modules on the pathway, can educators still work toward an ESOL endorsement?	Yes. An educator may submit previously completed modules even if you received renewal credit for them. If the reflections meet the review rubric standard, the modules will be considered successfully completed for endorsement. Awarding renewal credits is a local decision and educators should collaborate with the district Title III/Multilingual Learner Program Coordinator (MLPC) and applicable district staff.
If an educator completes a module on the endorsement pathway, can educators earn renewal credits for the module?	Educators may submit the official South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) certificate to the local school district to award applicable renewal credits. Districts must reference the Renewal Credit Matrix when awarding such credits. Renewal credits are managed by the local school district; please connect with your renewal coordinator with any questions.
How many renewal credits can an educator earn for each module?	Awarding renewal credits is a local decision and educators should collaborate with the district Title III/MLPC and applicable district staff.
Can an educator still complete courses for ESOL endorsement without opting in ?	No.If you submit an Ellevation help desk ticket to have a module reflection reviewed by the Ellevation team without opting-in, Ellevation will send an email to the participant to complete the opt-in survey

	before the review takes place. Opting in allows Ellevation’s review team to monitor progress toward pathway completion for speedy issuance of the final pathway certificate.
Can I continue the module pathway if my district doesn’t subscribe to Ellevation?	Modules can only be accessed by educators in subscribing districts. Before opting-in, educators interested in completing the pathway should connect district Title III/MLPC for any questions regarding ongoing access.
Will an educator earn credits if a reflection response does not meet the rubric standard of completion?	Ellevation’s review team will respond to any educators whose responses on the modules do not meet the rubric standard. Educators will have the opportunity to resubmit module responses and reflections to the review team, and new responses will be stored with educators' requests.
Will an educator earn credits if a module is completed within an hour of starting?	No. Due to the teach-and-reflect requirements for each module, it is expected that educators have had an opportunity to teach with an activity and reflect on that experience. In the event that modules are completed in under an hour, Ellevation will request teachers to resubmit responses with stronger evidence of teaching with the selected activity.
Can a staff member who is not a teacher in the classroom and cannot complete the teaching portion for reflection complete modules for credit?	Yes. Participants who are not educators working in a classroom (e.g., administrators, instructional coaches, guidance counselors, etc.) may collaborate with Ellevation for alternate ways to reflect on the “Teach” portion of the ESOL endorsement. For example, some participants may have the ability to teach in an educator’s classroom to fulfill the requirements, while others may have the opportunity to collaborate with multilingual learner (ML) or content educators to discuss the content rather than teach.

Can an educator complete modules for credit over the summer?	To successfully complete the Ellevation modules, an educator is expected to have had an opportunity to teach with an activity and reflect on that experience (i.e., during the school year or summer school program). In the event that module responses do not reflect activities completed or considered with students, Ellevation will request teachers to resubmit responses with stronger evidence of teaching before credits can be issued.
If an educator is unable to complete all modules that are part of a required pathway, can partial credit be earned?	No. Ellevation cannot issue a pathway-level certificate without all modules being completed. Ellevation will point out any missing modules, close the request ticket, and ask for a new ticket once the pending module is completed.
If an educator does not have MLs in their classroom, can they complete the modules for credit?	Yes. Ellevation modules are designed to provide valuable PD experience to all teachers. Any classroom teacher submissions that successfully meet the rubric standards and show mastery of the content will be eligible for credits.
How long will it take to complete the ESOL endorsement?	Modules are designed to be completed asynchronously. Ellevation recommends completing no more than one module per week. The cadence of 2-4 modules per month will allow the time needed to fully engage with the “Learn” portion while planning meaningful lessons with a post-teaching reflection.
If an educator transfers to another South Carolina district with Ellevation before completing the pathway, can educators still earn the ESOL endorsement?	Yes. As best practice, Ellevation recommends always downloading the module certificate of completion and a copy of your responses for all completed modules. Once an educator moves districts, educators will lose access to these. Once the opt-in survey is submitted, notifying the intent to complete the pathway, Ellevation’s review team will track educators’ progress to verify pathway completion thus far.

After completing the ESOL <u>endorsement</u>, can an educator use Ellevation modules to meet any requirements for the full ESOL <u>certification</u> field?	No. There is not a provision to use the Ellevation modules to meet any requirements for the full ESOL certification field. The requirements for the full ESOL certification can be found in the Guidelines and Requirements for Adding Certification Fields and Endorsements (pages 12-13).
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