**Teacher Training Requirements and Deadlines**

**Category I: Training Requirements for Language Arts/English/Reading Teachers**

Any K-12 teacher who is responsible for teaching language arts, English, or reading to an ELL student must earn a total of 300 ESOL in-service points (or the university equivalent—15 semester hours). This teacher must earn the first 60 ESOL points within 24 months of the date the first ELL student was assigned to his/her language arts/English/reading class.

After the first two-year period, the Category I teacher must earn 60 additional ESOL points **each consecutive year**, regardless of ELL assignment, until the ESOL Endorsement or ESOL K-12 certification is earned and **added** to the teacher’s certificate (or until the teacher no longer teaches English, language arts or reading to anyone).

**Category II: Training Requirements for Math/Science, Social Studies/Computer Literacy Teachers**

Any K-12 teacher who teaches math, science, social studies, and/or a specific computer literacy course to an ELL student must earn a total of 60 ESOL in-service points (or the university equivalent—3 semester hours). These teachers must complete the requirement within 12 months of the date the first ELL student was assigned. (Beginning teachers have 24 months to earn the 60 points.)

**Category III: Training Requirements for Teachers in Areas not Listed in Categories I and II**

 **(Including Pre-K teachers)**

Any teacher teaching an ELL student in an area not listed in Categories I and II must earn a total of 18 ESOL in-service points. Category III includes teachers teaching elective classes; media specialists; pre-kindergarten teachers, and any staff providing specialized instruction, such as speech, language, etc. as indicated on the ELL’s schedule. These teachers must complete the requirement within 12 months of the date the first ELL student was assigned. (Beginning teachers have 24 months to earn the 18 points).

**Category IV: Training Requirements for School Administrators and Guidance Counselors**

School administrators and guidance counselors are required to earn a total of 60 ESOL in-service points (or the university equivalent--3 semester hours). Administrators and guidance counselors are allowed three calendar years from the date hired in that position.