

ENL HERNANDEZ FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

The English as a New Language (ENL) Hernandez Fellows program is an outreach of the University of Notre Dame's ALMA initiative. This program seeks to advance the skills of educators who serve English learners across all grades and content areas.

ENL Hernandez Fellows take a total of six graduate-level courses (18 credits) through the University of Notre Dame over the course of three semesters. The three-week summer semester begins with synchronous, virtual classes and culminates with a rich one-week experience on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Courses continue online throughout the fall and spring semesters. The ENL curriculum is tailored specifically to the reality of busy educators working with English learners.

ENL Hernandez Fellows Scholarship Opportunity:

The value of this partnership for the participating diocese is approximately \$14,000 (up to \$12,000 for tuition and room & board + up \$2,000 travel to the University of Notre Dame in the summer) per school.

Timeline:

Synchronous virtual courses: **June 24-26, 2025 and July 8-10, 2025**

In-person, on-campus experience: **July 16-24, 2025**

Asynchronous virtual courses: **Fall 2025 and Spring 2026**

Deadline for applications to the ENL Hernandez Fellows program is March 30, 2025.

Desired Outcomes:

- Implement research-based strategies and lesson modifications to support English learners
- Value the role that culture plays in the lives of students and implement culturally inclusive pedagogy
- Create and modify assessments to accurately measure progress in language proficiency and content knowledge
- Recognize the stages of language acquisition and how this influences the learning process
- Identify effective ways to advocate for English learners and serve as in-house experts for their school

Each participating organization commits to the following:

University of Notre Dame's ALMA ENL Hernandez Fellows Program:

Programmatic – Provide 18 credits of graduate-level courses both online and in person, that will help serve multilingual students by forming educators and leaders to employ research-based practices that promote student success.

Catholic Extension:

Financial – Catholic Extension will contribute up to \$12,000 per school, which will cover costs associated with participation in the ENL Hernandez Fellows Program including: programming costs and University room and board.

Payments – Catholic Extension will submit three semester payments up to \$12,000 to Notre Dame on behalf of the applicant.

Communication – Catholic Extension will communicate the terms of the partnership to diocesan leaders. Catholic Extension will also be responsible for providing communications to its contributing donors about the progress of the participants.

Diocese:

Programmatic – The diocese will help to identify and nominate possible participants in their diocese, where the individual educator is enthusiastic about and seeks to advance the skills needed to serve English learners across all grades and content areas.

The participant will do their best to commit to three semesters of online and in-person participation so as to complete the six-course program. If the student does not complete the program, they may be responsible to repay the scholarship expenses that were incurred before exiting the program.

Commitment/Financials for three participants:

Contributor	Costs	Total
Catholic Extension	Up to \$12,00 for tuition costs of the ENL Hernandez Fellows Program. Including room and board for July 16-24, 2025 in person gathering.	\$12,000
Diocese/Participant	Commit to three semesters (18 credits/6 courses) to be completed online and in-person	In-kind
University of Notre Dame	Travel costs to Notre Dame in July 2025	Up to \$2,000

Approximate Total Value: \$14,000