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Mr. Ryan D Boyd
Graduating MATESL Candidate

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Congratulations on finishing your MA in TESL and on graduating in good standing from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Your accomplishment is a major milestone.

The Certificate in TESL requires satisfactory completion of six courses, three of which are required—an introduction to linguistics which is foundational to the remaining five, a course in TESL methodology including practice teaching (EIL 411), and an overview of studies in second language acquisition (EIL 489). Three additional professional courses are selected from this list of six:

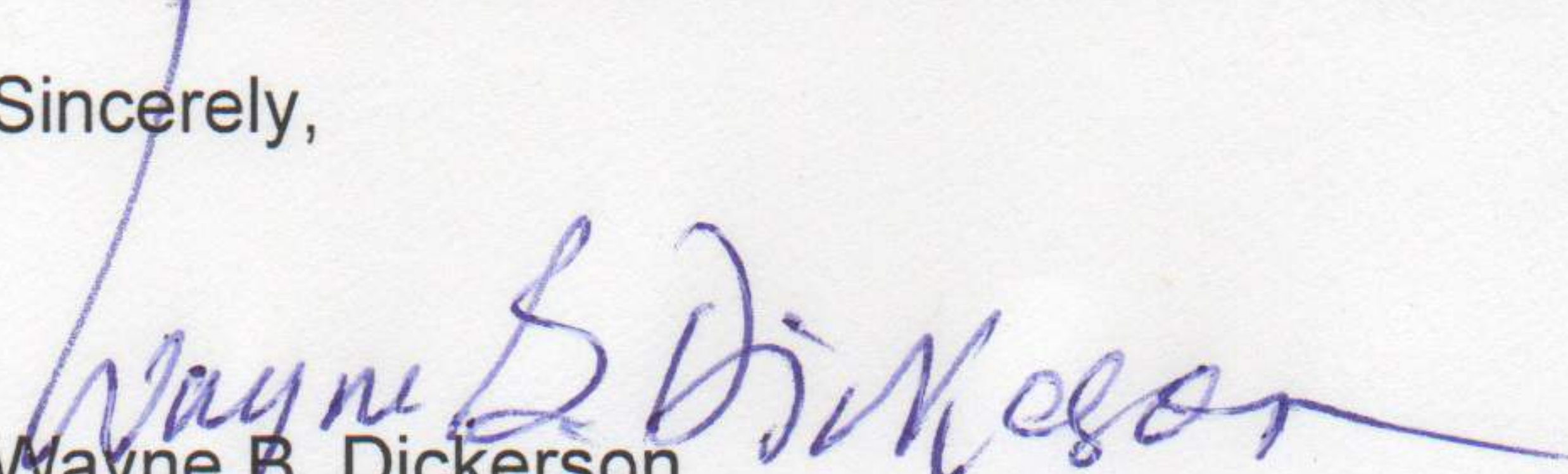
EIL 422	Engl Grammar for ESL Teachers
EIL 445	Second Lang Reading & Writing
EIL 456	Lang and Social Interaction I
EIL 460	Principles of Language Testing
EIL 488	English Phon & Morph for TESL
EIL 511	Task-Based Language Teaching

Most of these courses also include a practical component involving the analysis of learner production, examination of teaching texts and tests, observation of master teaching, preparation of teaching materials, and actual classroom teaching and tutoring. These six courses engaged you in a minimum of 300 hours of academic and pedagogical activities.

Since your Masters curriculum included not only the six courses required for the Certificate in TESL, but also the other remaining options in the list of electives and another three or four specialized courses in pedagogy, we are pleased to award you this Certificate in TESL.

We are proud of the work you have done to prepare yourself for a career in the profession of teaching English as a second or foreign language. You have earned a coveted degree in our field that should give you the confidence that you can handle any professional challenge that comes your way. We want to wish you well as you embark on this new phase of your life.

Sincerely,


Wayne B. Dickerson
Certificate Program Director
Professor