

The Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Leadership

Advanced certificate program in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
for pre-K to grade 12 teachers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MANY COURSES AND CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

This is a 15-credit program of five courses, each course is 3 credits. Coursework includes:

1. EDUC 581 Linguistics for Teachers
2. EDUC 583 Second Language Acquisition
3. EDUC 584 Methods & Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs)
4. EDUC 588 Content-Based English as a Second Language (ESL) Curriculum & Instruction
5. EDUC 591 Internship in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

WHEN ARE COURSES AVAILABLE?

SUMMER

- EDUC 583 Second Language Acquisition (online)
- EDUC 584 Methods & Assessment for ELLs (25 hours of fieldwork in pre-K to grade 12)

FALL

- EDUC 581 Linguistics for Teachers

SPRING

- EDUC 588 Content-Based ESL (curriculum and instruction, 25 hours of fieldwork)
- EDUC 591 Internship in TESOL (online and pre-K to grade 12 classrooms, fieldwork)

IS THERE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

We are currently receiving funding from the state **which covers \$300 per credit up to \$4,500** (15 credits). To be eligible for funding, students must complete their coursework within one

calendar year.

If you are an in-service teacher, some districts are offering to reimburse the remaining out-of-pocket costs to qualifying teachers. Inquire with your administrators to see if this option exists for you.

Note: These figures are subject to change based on budget, and do not include books or any additional resources that may be required.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

1. Initial teaching certification
2. Graduate record exam (GRE) scores
3. 12 credits of foreign language requirement

To become certified in ESOL, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires 12 credits of a foreign language. The 12 credits need to be in one language, including American sign language. Applicants to the program are expected to have at least 9 credits of foreign languages already completed.

Note: High school/AP/Regent's credits will count for up to 3 credits with passing grades.

Those who are unsure about whether they have 12 credits, can apply for an individual transcript review via TEACH (www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/) or, request transcripts be forwarded to their advisor for consultation.

Additional foreign language credits are available through coursework at Binghamton University, State University of New York (SUNY) Broome Community College or even online through the State SUNY Learning Network.

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