



The Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Leadership

Clinically Rich Intensive Teacher Institute Advanced certificate program in
English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
for Pre-K to Grade 12 Teachers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CR-ITI PROGRAM?

The Clinically Rich Intensive Teacher Institute (CR-ITI) program is an initiative by the New York State of Education (NYSED) to help address the widespread shortage of K-12 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teachers in NY public schools. To this end, the CR-ITI program offers financial support to teachers who are interested in completing the requirements for teaching certification to work with English learners in K-12 environments.

HOW MANY COURSES AND CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

The CR-ITI is a 15-credit program leading to certification. The 15 credits are offered through five three-credit courses related to pedagogy and best practices for English Language Learners. Coursework includes:

1. EDUC 584: Methods & Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs)
2. EDUC 529: Grammar for English Teachers
3. EDUC 588: Content-Based English as a Second Language (ESL) Curriculum & Instruction
4. EDUC 583: Second Language Acquisition
5. EDUC 591: Internship in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

WHAT IS THE FORMAT FOR THE COURSES?

To accommodate the busy lives of teachers, CR-ITI courses are offered 100% online, in an asynchronous format. Synchronous zoom meetings with professors will also be offered, but no Zoom or classroom meetings are required for participants.

IS THERE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE?

Yes! We are currently receiving funding from the state to offset the full cost of tuition for the 5 courses. Participants' only financial responsibility is the cost of university fees which typically total approximately \$1150 for the entire program .*

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

DO I QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE IN CR-ITI?

Because of this partnership between NYSED and Binghamton University, there are strict requirements to be able to join the CR-ITI program. Participants must demonstrate the following:

1. Completion of initial or professional teaching certification
2. Completion of twelve credits of foreign language requirement OR the equivalent as shown through an approved proficiency assessment, including CLEP or other approved proficiency tests. Talk to your advisor about testing options to be sure they are acceptable.

Additional foreign language credits are available through coursework at Binghamton University, State University of New York (SUNY) Broome Community College, [SUNY Online](#), or other accredited college programs. Be sure to have any course approved by your advisor.

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Application information can be found here:

<https://www.binghamton.edu/tlel/admissions/english-to-speakers-of-other-languages.html>

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