



Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Advanced Certificate

This program is designed for students who already have a master's degree, who possess New York State teacher certification, and who seek additional New York State certification in teaching English to Speakers of Other languages (ESOL) Pre-K-grade 12.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) with an overall index of 3.0 or better, and a liberal arts and sciences major of at least 30 credits from an accredited college or university. In order to be recommended by Lehman College for ESOL certification, candidates must have successfully completed a liberal arts and sciences core specific to ESOL teachers (see the coordinator for more information)
- New York State teacher certification
- A master's degree appropriate for New York State professional certification
- Successful completion of minimum requirements in special education
- Demonstrate the study of a language other than English (12 credits) or an equivalent experience
- The study of cultural perspectives of one or more ESL populations (at least 3 credits). ESC 769 can be taken if this requirement has not yet been met
- Two (2) letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on career goals
- Participate in an interview, which requires producing a writing sample in English
- Satisfy appropriate voice, speech, and health standards
- Meet additional Departmental, divisional, and New York State requirements, if any
- Meet any additional requirements for admission in the first three semesters of matriculation

TESOL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- Students must consult with an advisor in the TESOL program before starting their certificate program
- During their first semester, matriculated students are required to plan their program with a TESOL adviser
- All students must complete the 21-credit curriculum below (plus cultural perspectives pre-requisite, if needed)
- In order to be recommended for ESOL certification, candidates must
 - complete the Advanced Certificate: TESOL program with a cumulative index of 3.0 or better,
 - present passing scores on the ESOL Content Specialty Test (CST),
 - demonstrate successful completion of a liberal arts and sciences core specific to TESOL teachers (please see adviser for more information)

CURRICULUM

The 21-credit certificate curriculum consists of three instructional areas:

I. Language Education (12 credits):		Credits
ESC 757	Linguistics for TESOL/Bilingual Teachers	3
ESC 759	Foundations of Bilingual/Bicultural Education	3
ESC 760	Second-Language Learning and Teaching	3
ESC 725	Teaching English Grammar	3
II. Methods, Materials, and Evaluation (6 credits):		Credits
ESC 727	Teaching English as a Second Language (Pre-K to Grade 6)	3
	OR	
ESC 761	Teaching English as a New Language, grades 5-12	3
	AND	
ESC 766	Teaching English as a New Language Through the Content Areas	3
III. Practicum (3 credits):		Credits
ESC 797	Teaching Internship in TESOL	2
ESC 609	Teaching Internship Seminar in TESOL	1

Questions about the program?

Prof. Joye Smith

joye.smith@lehman.cuny.edu

Questions about admissions?

The Office of Graduate Admissions

<http://www.lehman.edu/admissions>