



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Bilingual Education



Program Description

This program provides both beginning and experienced teachers an opportunity to earn a degree in either TESOL or Bilingual Education.

- **Master of Science in Education, Teaching English as a Second Language K–12 (33 Credits)**
 - Designed for candidates who have initial certification in education
 - Noncertification track is also available for those who don't wish to teach in New York State.
 - Online learning program.
- **Dual degree programs offered (M.S.Ed.)**
 - Teaching Literacy B–6 and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) K–12.
 - Teaching Literacy 5–12 and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) K–12.
- **Advanced Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language K–12 (15 Credits)**
 - Certified teachers with a master's degree in education may qualify for the advanced certificate in TESOL.
 - Online learning program .
- **Bilingual Education Advanced Certificate (15 Credits)**
 - Teachers who are certified and have either a bachelor's or master's degree in education and are proficient in an additional language may qualify for our Bilingual Education Advanced Certificate program.
 - Online learning program.
- **Career Change Program (48 Credits)**
 - Master of Science in Childhood Education (Grades 1–6) and TESOL (Grades K–12).
 - Leads to certification in both Childhood Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.
- **Noncertification tracks for all programs are available.**
- **Program courses are offered in other countries as part of the Global Studies program.**
- **Programs offered for students, including international students, who are not seeking New York State Department of Education certification.**
- **Online learning programs available for all programs except career change.**

Benefits of Program

Teachers in urban areas have students from many different countries who speak a variety of languages, and those who can communicate and teach effectively are always in demand. Additionally, students are prepared to teach in community colleges and/or in other countries. Internship certificates are available in some cases.

Career Possibilities

Our graduates:

- Teach English Language Learners (ELLs) in diverse settings from kindergarten to 12th grade and beyond
- Instruct at community colleges
- Coordinate ESL programs in elementary, middle, and high schools
- Work as curriculum specialists in elementary schools
- Evaluate programs at elementary, middle, and high schools
- Start publishing careers developing curricula and textbooks
- Teach English as a Foreign Language (EFL) throughout the world
- Teach in “newcomers” schools

Partnerships

St. John’s has partnerships with New York City public and nonpublic schools, Nassau and Eastern Suffolk BOCES, and with principals and network teams in elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Through a collaboration with the Lincoln Center Institute, our students attend sessions in which professional artists demonstrate strategies for incorporating the arts into TESOL, after which students attend a live performance at Lincoln Center.

What makes our program unique? Why come here?

This program provides an opportunity for teachers to:

- Understand the structure of their students’ languages and cultures
- Focus on methods for communicating effectively with students for whom English is a second language
- Utilize their experience in the classroom to teach English language learners
- Learn from researchers and practitioners who conduct ground breaking studies and present their findings at professional conferences and meetings around the globe
- Our most distinguished feature is our inclusive study abroad program which allows students to gain experience by taking courses in Vietnam, Italy China, Greece, and Spain. Students in these programs learn about the culture of the host country while practicing their newly acquired TESOL teaching skills in the classroom. Upon returning to the United States, they apply their cultural knowledge in their own classrooms.

All of the TESOL and bilingual courses are available online. This allows online learners to attend classes at St. John’s while continuing to work.

What’s in it for me?

The TESOL program provides all students with highly personalized instruction.

At St. John’s, the student is never a number. Experienced faculty members work with each student to develop his or her skills in the classroom. Classes are highly interactive, and faculty members enhance classes with various forms of technology.

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