



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY



BECOME A CERTIFIED TESOL OR BILINGUAL EDUCATOR

St. John's University participates in the State of New York Clinically Rich Program, wherein **teachers with an initial certification can earn an advanced certificate in either TESOL or Bilingual Education** while continuing to teach.

The program is **15 credits** and will be completed over two semesters. The New York State Grant covers 25% of tuition cost, and up to another 50% is covered by St. John's University. **Students pay approximately \$5500 for the 15 credit program.**

Candidate requirements for the program:

- Minimum 3.0 GPA for M.A. in Education or related field
- Initial teaching certification
- Written recommendation from current principal
- Scholarship approval

Requirements for TESOL or Bilingual Teacher certification:

- New York State-administered tests
- Completion of 12 credits of a foreign language or equivalent for TESOL candidates only
- Bilingual candidates are required to be proficient in the foreign language and are required to take the Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA) exam before program completion

BILINGUAL EDUCATION EXTENSION COURSES:

EDU 9002: Psychology and Sociology of Language and Bilingualism

EDU 9005: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and Dual Language Instruction

EDU 9009: Teaching Strategies in the ESL and Bilingual Classroom; Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies

EDU 9010: Linguistics for Teachers of English Language (ELL) and Exceptional Learners

EDU 9012: Methods of Language and Academic Assessment for ELLs and Exceptional Learners

TESOL EDUCATION EXTENSION COURSES:

EDU 9002: Psychology and Sociology of Language and Bilingualism

EDU 9003: Literacy Development for First and Second Language Learners Education

EDU 9004: Content Area Instruction for Linguistically/Culturally Diverse Learners

EDU 9010: Linguistics for Teachers of English Language (ELL) and Exceptional Learners

EDU 9012: Methods of Language and Academic Assessment for ELLs and Exceptional Learners





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Clinically Rich Program is a unique program that allows

- General education teachers to earn a second PreK-12 advanced certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) or Bilingual Education
- Participants to continue teaching as they develop new classroom skills
- Participants to share their knowledge with other general education teachers
- Work with TESOL or Bilingual mentors in their schools to apply their new skills

How long is the program?

- The program consists of 5 courses that total 15 credits. Five courses are taken over two semesters and a summer session.
- The academic courses are offered one night a week on Wednesdays from 5 – 9:10 p.m.
- Cohorts begin every spring semester and finish fall semester.

What are the requirements to become certified as a TESOL or bilingual teacher?

- The state requires each applicant to take specific New York State-mandated tests.
- All TESOL applicants are required to complete 12 credits of a foreign language.

How much will the program cost?

- The New York State Grant covers 25% of tuition cost, and up to another 50% is covered by St. John's University. Students pay approximately \$5500 for the 15 credit program.

What are the St. John's University admission requirements?

- All applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- All applicants must have an initial teaching certification.

What are the Clinically Rich Program requirements?

- All applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- All applicants must demonstrate that they can apply what they have learned in the courses in the classroom.
- All applicants attend an orientation and professional development program. All students must participate in a professional development session during the summer.

How can I get more information?

- Interested candidates should contact Dr. Della DeKay at dekayd@stjohns.edu.