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.