

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) CERTIFICATE

Campus: NYC, Westchester

Program Overview

The TESOL program at the Pace University School of Education provides certified educators with knowledge of the multifaceted approach to teaching English language learners (ELLs), an increasing student population that requires a specialized study of language and literacy development, and differentiated instruction for students at all grade levels. TESOL is a growing field for general education, special education, and content area teachers, as many schools prefer to hire teachers with multiple certifications who can better serve the needs of students who are learning English. Candidates who successfully complete the program and meet requirements will be certified to teach in English as a New Language (ENL) programs in Pre-K through 12 settings.

Program of Study

This 15-credit certificate program provides a focused exploration of the theory, research, and methods for teaching English language learners. Candidates will acquire an awareness and understanding of the sociocultural and sociolinguistic issues that impact the acquisition of English as an additional language among students. Candidates successfully completing this advanced certificate program will be able to provide differentiated instruction and create culturally-responsive environments for diverse classrooms.

Admission Requirements

This program is only for candidates who already possess a New York state teaching certificate (ie Childhood, Adolescent, or Special Education). Candidates must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution, with a minimum GPA of 3.0. (Upon the recommendation of the dean, graduate faculty admissions committee, or the director of Student Support Services, candidates whose GPA is less than 3.0 may be admitted on a conditional basis, provided that it is determined that the candidate has the necessary knowledge and skills to complete the program successfully). Candidates will submit official undergraduate transcripts documenting completion of requirements for the liberal arts and sciences; a major or concentration in the liberal arts and sciences; and at least 12 semester hours or the equivalent of study of a language other than English (LOTE). Individuals who lack the required LOTE college-level credits may obtain credit by examination through CLEP or any equivalent tests for up to 12 credits.