

# LITERACY SPECIALIST AND TESOL, MEd

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**Campus:** Online

The Literacy Specialist and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) MEd is a dual degree program for certified teachers that seek to enhance their careers. With a focus on instruction and literacy development, this program is ideal for teachers with linguistically and culturally diverse classrooms. The Literacy Specialist and TESOL MEd connects language knowledge fundamentals with attention to cultural experiences, for today's globalized classroom.

## Program Overview

The Literacy and TESOL MEd, modeled after the current Literacy MEd and TESOL programs, integrates contemporary theory and practice in a variety of educational areas including language and literacy development, culturally responsive teaching, digital literacies, children and adolescent literature, as well as learning strategies for children who struggle to read or write.

## Field Experience

Literacy and TESOL students complete substantial fieldwork and mentored experiences that surpass state requirements. Candidates can choose from our faculty-led abroad courses in Italy, Ecuador, or Cuba as one of their required TESOL courses.

## Certification and Career Outcomes

Graduates leave Pace with the knowledge and skills to lead and meet the changing educational needs of their communities. Some career options include:

- Pre-K-12 English to Speakers of Other Languages and Literacy;
- Literacy/TESOL Coaches who assist teachers in developing curriculum that better serve student's cultural differences.

## Requirements

- New York State classroom teaching certificate (Initial or Professional)
- A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution (official transcripts documenting degree must be submitted).
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or equivalent.
- Submission and review of official transcripts from ALL institutions attended.
- Completion of the application process, including a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and, in some cases, an admission interview.
- Twelve (12) credits of study in a language other than English or equivalent. Missing credits can be taken after admissions.