The Bilingual Education program is an extension certificate that allows classroom teachers that hold a NYS Initial Teaching Certification (with the exception of TESOL and World Languages) to teach in their original certification area in bilingual classrooms. The courses prepare candidates to deliver literacy and content instruction in both English and a language other than English.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Multicultural Foundations of Bilingual Education
- Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition: Theory and Research
- Linguistics for Teachers
- Methods in Reading and Language Arts in Bilingual Education
- Methods Across the Content Areas in Bilingual Education

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- New York State Initial Teaching Certification (certification in TESOL and World Languages not acceptable)
- B.A with GPA 3.0 or higher
- Proficiency in language other than English (satisfy one of the following):
  - 6 credits of advanced college language courses
  - Pass the ACTFL exam in any language other than English
  - Pass the New York State Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA) in the target language
  - Completion of high school or beyond in a non-English speaking country
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application: The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts: Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a postsecondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee: A $75.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island. Veterans are exempt from paying the application fee. Veterans must provide proof of their Veteran/Military status in order to be waived from paying the application fee.

Personal Statement: A one- to two-page personal statement that discusses the academic, teaching, and/or work experiences that have led and prepared the applicant to pursue graduate study in education.

Letters of Recommendation: Two academic or professional letters of recommendation are required (one academic, one professional, preferred) testifying to the applicant's ability to successfully complete the program of graduate study.

Interview: After initial review, applicants are required to participate in a phone or virtual interview.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE): The GRE - General Aptitude Test is mandated by New York State for all graduate teacher education and school building leader programs, including initial certification, professional certification, and advanced certificate programs. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit www.gre.org. Our institutional code for the GRE is 2778.

English Proficiency Examination: The TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE exam is required of students for whom English is a second language.

- **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):** Minimum required score is 79 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.
- **International English Language Testing System (IELTS):** We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.
- **Pearson Test of English (PTE):** Minimum required score is 53. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the PTE website at www.pearsonpte.com.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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