The Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) MSEd program will prepare teacher candidates to teach English language learners (ELLs). The program offers two pathways to New York State TESOL Prek-12 Teaching Certification. The program also offers the MSEd degree with a concentration in TESOL for applicants not seeking New York State Teaching Certification but who are seeking the degree to work with ELLs in a range of public and private settings.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

TESOL Tracks 1 and 2:
The TESOL Tracks 1 and 2 lead to a Master of Science in Education degree and to New York State Initial Teaching Certification in TESOL. The program requires twelve three-credit courses (36) credits.

TESOL Non-Certification Track:
The TESOL Non-Certification Track leads to a Master of Science in Education degree with a concentration in TESOL. The program requires twelve three-credit courses (36) credits.

Courses:
- Sociocultural Development
- Linguistics for Teachers
- Emergent Literacy for English Language Learners for PreK-12
- Assessment of Language Learners
- Educational Seminar II
- Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition Theory and Research
- Multicultural Foundations of Bilingual Education
- Methods of Teaching TESOL PreK-12
- Content Literacy for English Language Learners PreK-12
- Educational Seminar I
- TESOL Supervised Practicum
- Issues in Bilingualism in Special Education and Inclusive Classrooms

Tracks 1 and 2 are required to take the TESOL Supervised Practicum course. The TESOL Non-Certification Track does not require taking the Practicum Course but students in this track must take a graduate education elective.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

General admission requirements for all tracks:
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in a liberal arts and science major
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- 12 semester hours of a language other than English
Track specific admissions requirements:

Track 1:
Candidates must have completed the coursework leading to a New York State Initial Teaching Certification in early childhood, childhood or adolescence education or its equivalent from another state. A copy of the certificate must be submitted when it is received from the New York State Department of Education.

Track 2:
New York State Initial Teaching Certification in another license area is NOT required for admissions. However, applicants must have an introductory academic experience in the following areas: special education, learning and development, social foundations of education, and literacy education, linguistics or English Education. Applicants may be admitted conditionally pending the completion of the required coursework.

TESOL Non-Certification Track:
There are no additional admissions requirements for this track.

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 post-secondary 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 $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

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 testifying to the applicant's ability to complete successfully the program of graduate study are required.

New York State Initial Teaching Certificate: Submit a copy of your New York State Initial Teaching Certificate (track 1 only). If you are currently completing the requirements, please submit a copy of the certificate when it is available.

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

Graduate Record Examination (GRE): Required for Track 1 and Track 2 only. 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.

The deadline for applications is June 1st.

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