

# TEACHING OF ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE



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The **Post Master's Advanced Certificate for Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)** will prepare teacher candidates to be certified to teach English language learners (ELLs) in public and private schools. This program will lead to New York State TESOL PreK-12 teacher certification. **The program is offered in two formats – online (cohort model) and in-classroom. The online program can be completed in 18 months.**

Teacher candidates who have already completed a Master's will be able to qualify for an additional certificate in TESOL by completing the six courses in the Advanced Certificate program.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students in the Advanced Certificate for Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages are required to complete 21 credits:

- Multicultural/Multiethnic Foundations of Education
- Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition: Theory and Research
- Linguistics for Teachers
- Methods for Teaching TESOL PreK-12
- Emergent Literacy for English Language Learners for PreK-12
- Content Literacy for English Language Learnings PreK-12
- TESOL Supervised Practicum

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree
- Baccalaureate degree in liberal arts and sciences major, or 36 credits in liberal arts and sciences concentration
- 12 semester hours of language other than English
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- Candidates should have completed the courses required for a New York State Initial Teacher Certificate in early adolescence education or its equivalent from another state

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**Graduate Application:** The application must be completed online at [www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies](http://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.

**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](http://www.gre.org). Our institutional code for the GRE is 2778.

### **TOEFL or IELTS:**

The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement 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](http://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](http://www.ielts.org)

**The deadline for applications is June 1st.**

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

### **Mailing Address:**

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