

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE & TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

² Requires 175 hours of clinical practice.

³ Requires 15 weeks of full-time clinical practice.

This program is designed for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree and want to qualify for their first instructional certificate. This program prepares candidates to teach English as a Second Language in general, inclusive, and/or special education settings. It leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and eligibility for New Jersey certification in English as a Second Language and a Teacher of Students with Disabilities endorsement.

Requirements

- Completion of prerequisite courses: Child and Adolescent Development (3) and Educational Psychology (3);
- Completion of the 46-credit English as a Second Language component;
- Qualifying scores on a NJ Department of Education approved test of basic skills (PRAXIS CORE, ACT, SAT or GRE, or a combination of these);
- Praxis II testing is not required; instead, an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Written Proficiency Test (WPT) must be passed;
- Passing scores on the three GCU exams: Physiology and Hygiene (P&H); Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB); and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (CARE);
- Satisfactory ratings in clinical practice, including recommendation for certification; and
- Maintenance of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required to remain in the program (note: students with grade point averages between 2.75 and 2.99 may qualify to be in the Limited CEAS Pilot Program and should speak to their Advisor about this possibility).

M.A.T. in English as a Second Language (ESL)

Code	Title	Credits
EDC5110	Ethics & Foundations of Incl & SpEd	3.0
EDC5038	Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3.0
EDC5999	Field Experience in Special Education ¹	1.0
EDC5113	Instr Dsgn & Techn Intgr Incl ELL	3.0
EDC5021	Second Language Acquisition	3.0
EDC5403	Evi-Based Prac for Inst Stdnts w/ Autism	3.0
EDC5026	Phonology & Structure of American Eng	3.0
EDC5402	Accom Mod & Asst Techn for SWD	3.0
EDC5022	Teaching ESL Through Content	3.0
EDC5027	Literacy for Multilingual Learners	3.0
EDC5206	Educational Assessment	3.0
EDC6210	Coll Plan w/ Family School & Comm ESL ²	3.0
EDC6299	ESL Clinical Practice ³	9.0
EDC6300	Refl Prac in ESL & SpEd	3.0
Total Credits		46.0

¹ Requires 50 hours of clinical experience.