

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE & TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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;
- Passing scores on all Praxis CORE exams (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics);
- 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;
- Completion of the edTPA, the New Jersey Department of Education-mandated performance assessment, is required for program completion; a passing score is required for certification; and
- Maintenance of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required to remain in the program.

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

Code	Title	Credits
EDC5110	Ethics & Foundations of Incl & SpEd	3
EDC5038	Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3
EDC5999	Field Experience in Special Education ¹	1
EDC5113	Instr Dsgn & Techn Intgr Incl ELL	3
EDC5021	Second Language Acquisition	3
EDC5403	Evi-Based Prac for Inst Stdnts w/ Autism	3
EDC5026	Phonology & Structure of American Eng	3
EDC5402	Accom Mod & Asst Techn for SWD	3
EDC5022	Theo Prac Methods Teach ESL Thr Content	3
EDC5027	Dev Lit Skills for Sec Lang Learners	3
EDC5206	Educational Assessment	3
EDC6210	Coll Plan w/ Family School & Comm ESL ²	3
EDC6299	ESL Clinical Practice ³	9
EDC6300	Refl Prac in ESL & SpEd	3
Total Credits		46

¹ Requires 50 hours of clinical experience.

² Requires 175 hours of clinical practice.