

**ED.M. PROGRAM IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION**  
**With Endorsement in English as a Second Language**  
**and Bilingual/Bicultural Education**  
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- I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Ed.M. program in Language Education with ESL and Bilingual/Bicultural certification is designed **for individuals who possess a permanent New Jersey Standard Instructional Certificate or Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS)** in a content field or elementary education and who wish to become certified to teach English as a Second Language and in Bilingual/Bicultural education.

The Ed.M. program in language education is designed to extend and diversify the professional preparation of certified teachers who seek to enhance their instructional skills and knowledge in bilingual/bicultural education and English as a second language education. The goal of the program is to provide students with a thorough understanding of the nature of language, the process of second language acquisition, the relationship between language and culture, and successful models of second language instructional strategies.

The program requires a minimum of 30 credits of study (no transfer credits permitted) beyond the baccalaureate degree. It provides for study in the area of linguistics, language pedagogy, and the cultural context of language education, as well as the opportunity to select courses in elective areas. At the end of the coursework, students must pass a comprehensive examination.

**II. APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Fall admission – May 1 deadline  
Spring admission – December 1 deadline  
Summer admission – May 1 deadline

**III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide the following before the deadline:

1. Personal statement that briefly describes an experience with English language learners and bilingual students and explains why the applicant wishes to enroll in our ESL and Bilingual/Bicultural endorsement program
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Passing scores on the Oral Proficiency Interview and a Written Proficiency Test in English and in the target language administered by ACTFL.  
(Any test scores submitted must be less than 5 years old as of the application deadline. Scores must be official, not self-reported.)
4. Official undergraduate transcripts. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants are not usually admitted with a GPA of less than 3.00 in their most recent degree.
5. A photocopy of a New Jersey Standard Instructional Certificate or CEAS

**IV. HOW TO APPLY:** Applications are submitted online at the Graduate Admissions website:

<http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/>

1. Click on "Create Account or Login" and follow the instructions given.
2. Under "Start an application today!", click **Apply Now**  
Application Selection
3. For "Level of Application", select **Graduate**
4. For "Applicant Type", select **Degree**
5. Continue filling out the application, following the on-screen instructions.  
Program of Study
6. Under "Program Information", make sure **Degree** is selected for "Applicant Type"
7. For "Degree Type", select **Master's (e.g. MA, MS, EdM, MFA)**
8. For "Area of Study", select **Education**
9. For "Location/Instructional Method", select **New Brunswick**
10. For "Program Selection", select **Education - Language (EDM) New Brunswick**  
Program Details
11. For "First Preference Concentration", select **ESL & Bilingual/Bicultural Certification**. (2nd and 3rd preferences can be left blank.)
12. Complete the rest of the application by providing the requested information.
13. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
14. Submit your application.

**V. PORTFOLIO:** Students will archive artifacts from various GSE courses via an online instructional and evaluation system as directed by faculty.

**VI. HIB TRAINING:** All candidates for certification must complete pre-service training in the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB).

**VII. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	
			Grad	Total
Historical and Cultural Backgrounds of Emerging Bilinguals	15:253:523	Language and Culture	3	3
Theoretical Foundations of Language Development	15:253:520	Principles of Language Learning: Second and World Language Acquisition	3	3
Language and Linguistics	15:253:530	Foundations of Language	3	6
	15:253:537	Language in Society	3	
Culturally Sustaining Language Pedagogy and Practice	15:253:510	Academic English in the Content Areas	3	9
	15:253:539	Methods for Teaching and Assessing English Language Learners*	3	
	15:253:522	Bilingual-Bicultural Education	3	
Electives	Grad Level	Course selection must be approved by advisor	9	9
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

\*This course may have a clinical assignment requiring participation in a school setting. For those in online programs, clinical placements will be determined in conjunction with your instructor.

**VIII. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION:** Master's students are required to take a written comprehensive examination that is offered twice a year - once in the fall and once in the spring. Students are responsible for checking the deadline for exam registration in the Learning & Teaching Department office and submitting the necessary forms to their assigned academic adviser for approval. These documents include a completed comprehensive exam registration form and a recent transcript showing the completion of all required core courses and no Incomplete grades.

The comprehensive examination consists of three sections: the cultural context of language education, language pedagogy, and language theory. Information on study questions and study groups are available in the Learning & Teaching Department.

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