



## **ED.M. IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION WITH INITIAL CERTIFICATION: ESL K-12 TEACHING (4+1)**

Revised Summer, 2024 -- For students earning a bachelor's degree in May, 2026 or later

*Students who complete this program successfully will receive an Ed.M. in Language Education from the GSE as well as a nomination to the New Jersey Department of Education for a **Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) in English as a Second Language (K-12)***

**I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Ed.M. in Language Education with Initial Certification in ESL K-12 Teaching (4+1) is designed for Rutgers undergraduate students who wish to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) in grades K-12. This program provides undergraduates with an opportunity to earn their bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and an initial teacher certification with just one additional year of study. Rutgers undergraduates do preliminary coursework as advised during the first three undergraduate years. They are admitted to the program during the spring semester of junior year and enter the professional education sequence during senior year. After students are awarded a bachelor's degree by the undergraduate college, they continue with the professional sequence for a fifth year of full-time graduate study at the GSE.

Upon completion of all five-year program requirements, students earn an Ed.M. in Language Education and the GSE will make a nomination to the New Jersey State Department of Education on behalf of the student to receive a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) in Teacher of English as a Second Language (K-12).

The Ed.M. in Language Education with Initial Certification in ESL K-12 Teaching (4+1) program offers a range of foundational and specialized topics in ESL education using a cohort model. These topics include principles of classroom learning, evaluation and assessment, educational psychology, and classroom organization, but with specific appreciation for their context in ESL education. Students will learn the process of second language acquisition, how languages work, and teaching methods that develop their students' English language development alongside content learning in ways that build from students' linguistic and cultural resources.

In alignment with the GSE's mission, all teacher preparation programs and courses are designed to prepare teacher candidates to be culturally responsive practitioners and effectively teach diverse learners by fostering a deep understanding of students from historically underserved linguistic, economic, and cultural backgrounds and communities. Pedagogy courses aimed at meeting the specific learning needs of elementary, middle and high school students, along with carefully crafted internships under the guidance of experienced teachers and expert faculty providing feedback, ensure that candidates are well-prepared as teachers to advance equity and excellence in their content area.

**II. MAJOR:** Every candidate for certification in English as a Second Language Education must complete a full major in a liberal arts field (e.g. world language, English, linguistics) or another relevant field to be approved by the admissions committee.

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

1. Personal statement
2. One letter of recommendation
3. Official undergraduate transcripts - the New Jersey Department of Education requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be admitted to a teacher education program.

(NOTE: Praxis Core, SAT, GRE, ACT or other basic skills exams are no longer required as of January 1, 2025. Admission to the GSE Teacher Education Programs is competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements above does not guarantee admission.)

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

<https://newbrunswickgrad.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 - 5 Year (EDM) New Brunswick**  
Program Details
11. For "First Preference Concentration", select **ESL initial certification**. (2nd and 3rd preferences can be left blank.)
12. For "Term", select the summer semester after your May undergraduate graduation date.
13. Complete the rest of the application by providing the requested information.
14. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
15. Submit your application.

**V. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Students must complete coursework in each of the following areas by completion of the program; fulfillment of these courses is not required for admission into the program. It is highly recommended that you coordinate the elements of this list with those of the general distribution requirements of your undergraduate college to make the most efficient use of your time. Courses should be selected in conjunction with the undergraduate program advisor.

Some of these requirements may be taken during the fifth year as a graduate elective as noted below.

<b><u>General Education Requirements</u></b>	
<b>1. Math: two courses</b> (Follow SAS/SEBS Core Quantitative and Formal Reasoning requirement (QQ, QR))	
<b>2. Science: two courses</b> (Follow SAS/SEBS Core Natural Sciences requirement)	
<b>3. Educational Technology: one course</b> (Course may be used to fulfill one elective requirement if taken in the fifth year) 05:300:350 Education and Computers <b>or</b> 15:255:503 Introduction to Teaching with Digital Tools	
<b>4. Human Development: one course</b> (Course may be used to fulfill one elective requirement if taken in the fifth year) 05:300:306 Educational Psychology: Principles of Classroom Learning <b>or</b> 05:300:307 Human Development: Birth Through the Transition to Adulthood	

#### VI. PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>
<b>(May be taken during Phase 1 or Phase 2 with advisor's permission)</b>	
05:300:368	Introduction to Teaching in Urban Schools & Communities

#### VII. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Phase 1 Summer (0 credits)</b>		
n/a	Working with Minors	0
n/a	School Law	0
<b>Phase 1 Fall 1 (10 credits)</b>		
05:300:498	Clinical Experience Phase 1	1.0
15:253:512	Teaching Emerging Bilinguals in PK-12 Classrooms	3.0
05:300:430	Principles of Language Learning: Second and World Language Acquisition	3.0
15:293:534	Classroom Organization for Inclusive and Special Classrooms	3.0
<b>Phase 2 Spring 1 (9 credits)</b>		
05:300:499	Clinical Practice Phase 2	3.0
05:300:439	Methods for Teaching and Assessing English Language Learners	3.0
05:300:435	Foundations of Language and Literacy in Early Childhood	3.0
	<b>Undergraduate Total:</b>	<b>19.0</b>

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
<b>Phase 3 Summer 2 (3 credits)</b>		
	Elective	3.0
<b>Phase 3 Fall 2 (12 credits)</b>		
15:255:535	Clinical Practice Phase 3	9.0
15:255:532	Clinical Practice Phase 3 Seminar	3.0
<b>Phase 4 Spring 2 (15 credits)</b>		
15:255:539 <b>or</b> 15:253:522 <b>or</b> 15:253:539 <b>or</b> 15:293:539 <b>or</b> 05:300:406 <sup>G</sup>	Students, Communities, and Social Justice <b>or</b> Bilingual-Bicultural Education <b>or</b> Methods of Teaching and Assessing English Language Learners (TELL) <b>or</b> Students with Disabilities, Schools, and Social Justice <b>or</b> Community-Based Language Learning (CBLL)	3.0
15:293:523	Inclusive Teaching in Education	3.0
15:253:523	Language and Culture	3.0
15:253:537	Language and Society	3.0
	Elective	3.0
	<b>Graduate Total:</b>	<b>30.0</b>
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>49.0</b>

<sup>G</sup> Course must be 300-level or above to count towards graduate credits. 300- and 400-level courses must be registered with a **G-prefix**.

### **Additional Program Completion Requirements**

**VIII. PRAXIS II TESTS:** There are currently no Praxis II exams for English as a Second Language.

**IX. OPI & WPT:** All students seeking certification in ESL are required to pass an Oral Proficiency Interview and a Written Proficiency Test in English administered by ACTFL.

**X. PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT (PBA):** All candidates must pass a designated performance-based assessment during Clinical Practice Phase 3.

**XI. PHYSIOLOGY, HYGIENE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES:** The Office of Student and Academic Services administers this New Jersey Department of Education exam during the final semester of the program.