

Welcome to the TESOL Program at RIC

TESOL & Bilingual Education Faculty

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Meet the director, co-director and our graduate assistant



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Things we will be going over:

- Course Pathways with explanations
- Prerequisites
- Student Handbook
- Beginning the Program

TESOL & Bilingual Education Program

Graduate

MLL Endorsement
(TESL 501 & TESL 502)

CGS in TESOL
CGS in Bilingual
Education*

M.Ed. in TESOL
M.Ed. in Bilingual
Education*

ESOL Specialist
License (TESL 600)

Undergraduate

MLL Endorsement (TESL
401/501 & TESL 402/502)
(Undergrad/grad)

TESL 300 for Early
Childhood Educators

Grow with us!

MLL Endorsement

ESOL Certification

Dual Language/ Bilingual
Education Certification

ESOL Specialist License

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Note: Bilingual Education is offered as a concentration through the TESOL Program, resulting in a CGS or M.Ed. in TESOL with a concentration in Bilingual Education.

Course Pathways Continued:

- If you are getting ESOL certified and want the additional BDL certification, you will have to take the additional 3 classes (BLBC 515, BLBC 516, BLBC 518).
- If you are getting BDL certification and also want ESOL certification- all you need is 1 additional credit in the form of an internship, not a class.
- Having both certifications will open you up to more job opportunities. Some jobs require one or the other.



Reasons to Consider a Masters Over The CGS

- Salary increase
- More job opportunities beyond public schools such as international positions, working at a corporation and doing curriculum development.
- Expand your breadth of knowledge in the field.
- Set yourself up for more leadership opportunities.



Prerequisites

- For ESOL certification: TESL 539 and TESL 549

- For BDL certification : TESL 539 and BLBC 515



Student Handbook:

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Graduate Study in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages & Bilingual Education

Student Handbook

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Welcome! Rhode Island College's TESOL Program is both nationally and RIDE-accredited and actively works to address the statewide shortage of certified teachers by providing in-service teachers with theoretical and pedagogical development to support Multilingual Learners (MLL)/emergent bilingual students. The program offers a Certificate of Graduate Studies (CGS) in ESOL, a graduate certificate in ESOL and Bilingual Education, an M.Ed. in TESOL, and an M.Ed. in TESOL with a Bilingual

Now that you are enrolled...

- In order to officially matriculate into the program, you MUST fill in your Plan of Study that was sent to you upon acceptance to the program and send it back to your advisor. If you can't find it, email tesol@ric.edu.
- You must also fill out your Advising Notes document which was also shared with you. If you can't find it, email tesol@ric.edu.
- Set up a meeting with your advisor.
- Remember to check your student email address.



Frequently asked Questions

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I obtain ESOL Certification?

RIC offers two programs which lead to ESOL Certification: A Certificate in Graduate Studies (CGS), which is a seven-course sequence, and an M.Ed. in TESOL, which is a ten-course sequence and a comprehensive assessment portfolio. You can view course pathways for each of these programs [here](#)

2. Does RIC have programs which lead to Bilingual/Dual Language Certification?

Yes, we do! As with ESOL Certification, we offer both a CGS and an M.Ed. program with a concentration in Bilingual Education. All candidates pursuing the Bilingual Education certification are eligible for dual certification in ESOL as well provided they complete a second internship through the one-credit BLBC 553 course. Note that any candidates pursuing only one certification should sign up for TESL 553 for the internship. BLBC 553 is an add-on course for dual certification. You can view the course pathways for each of these programs [here](#).


3. What's the difference between the MLL endorsement and ESOL certification?

MLL endorsement is a 2 course sequence that provides teacher candidates additional knowledge and preparation working with multilingual students in general education settings. It does not certify teacher candidates for ESOL positions. The CGS or ESOL certification through the TESOL program is a 7 course sequence that results in ESOL certification. That allows teachers to hold official ESOL positions.



Helpful Links:

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- TESOL website with all course pathways.
 - Student Handbook.
 - Frequently asked questions.
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That's All!
Enjoy your time
in the program!