

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION

This non-degree certification program is designed for students who already hold a standard New Jersey Department of Education teaching certification and would like to attain the ESL certification. Note: Those whose standard certification is in P-3 only will need to complete additional classes as required by the NJDOE. Please inquire with the department for details.

Those who do not hold a standard NJ teaching certification and would like to pursue the standard ESL teaching certification as their initial teacher certification will need to be dually enrolled in the NPTNJ program as well as the ESL Certification program and follow the NPTNJ-ESL requirements. Information on the NPTNJ-ESL program is available at: <https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/graduate-certificates/english-second-language-teacher/english-second-language-teacher-new-pathways-nptnj> (<https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/graduate-certificates/english-second-language-teacher/english-second-language-teacher-new-pathways-nptnj/>)

Admission requirements:

- Online application
- Essay of 250-500 words
- Verification of current standard NJ certification(s)
- Transcripts from all previous institutions attended
- BA GPA of 3.0 or higher

Certification requirements:

- Passing scores on the ACTFL Language Proficiency tests as mandated by NJDOE
- OPI: Advanced Low or higher; WPT: Advanced Low or higher

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Students are strongly encouraged to take the courses listed below in the specified phases.

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Semester		
MCC 600	General Linguistics	3
MCC 627	Historical and Cultural Background of Limited English Proficient Students	3
MCC 635	Effective Literacy Teaching for English Language Learners	3
MCC 655	Methods of Teaching ESL	3
Spring Semester		
MCC 611	Theories of Language Teaching	2
MCC 612	Observation of English as a Second Language	1
MCC 603	Applied Linguistics with Emphasis on Problems of Second Language	3

MCC 604	Phonology and Structure of American English	3
MCC 617	Field Experience in Bilingual/Multicultural Education	3
Total Credits		24

Students Who Don't Hold a Standard New Jersey Department of Education Teaching Certification

Students must be dually enrolled in the NPTNJ program as well as the ESL Certification program.

- Pre-requisite: 50-Hour Introduction to Teaching Course

For program sequence, please visit <https://www.njcu.edu/sites/default/files/docs/2019-08/ESL%20Alternate%20Route%20NPTNJ.pdf>

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First Year		Credits
MCC 627	Historical and Cultural Background of Limited English Proficient Students	3
MCC 611	Theories of Language Teaching	2
MCC 612	Observation of English as a Second Language	1
MCC 655	Methods of Teaching ESL	3
MCC 600	General Linguistics	3
MCC 635	Effective Literacy Teaching for English Language Learners	3
MCC 603	Applied Linguistics with Emphasis on Problems of Second Language	3
MCC 604	Phonology and Structure of American English	3
MCC 617	Field Experience in Bilingual/Multicultural Education	3
Credits		24
Total Credits		24

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