

URBAN EDUCATION— BILINGUAL/ BICULTURAL EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION, M.A.

This master's degree program is designed for students who already hold a standard teaching certification and would like to take courses for the standard NJ Bilingual/Bicultural Endorsement as part of their program of study. Note: Candidates with only the World Languages standard certification are not eligible for the Bilingual/Bicultural Endorsement.

- Online application
- Essay of 250-500 words
- Transcripts from all previous institutions attended
- Two professional references from employers, supervisors, professors, and mentors/counselors
- Verification of NJ certification(s)
- BA GPA of 3.0 or higher

Certification requirements:

- Passing scores on the ACTFL Language Proficiency tests as mandated by NJDOE
- English OPI: Intermediate High or higher; English WPT: Advanced Low or higher; (Intermediate High, IF Target language WPT score is Advanced Low) Target Language OPI: Advanced Low; Target Language WPT: Advanced Low (Intermediate High if English WPT score is Advanced Low). For additional ACTFL score requirements, please check NJDOE website.

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Semester		12
MCC 605	Introduction to Bilingual/Multicultural Education	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		9
MCC 603	Applied Linguistics with Emphasis on Second Language Experience	3
MCC 607	Theory and Practices of Teaching Bilingual Children	3
MCC 617	Field Experience in Bilingual/Multicultural Education	3
Research Courses		6
MCC 623	Contemporary Issues in Bilingual Curriculum Development	3
MCC 650	Research Urban Education in ESL/Bilingual Education	3

Electives

Select 6 credits from the following courses:		6
MCC 604	Phonology and Structure of American English	3
MCC 608	Language Culture and Communication	3
MCC 610	Sociolinguistics	3
MCC 626	Survey and Development of English as a Second Language Material	3
Total Credits		33

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Urban Education-Bilingual/Bicultural Education Specialization program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the subject matter they plan to teach.
2. Demonstrate their pedagogical knowledge, integrating their understanding of their pupils' developmental levels, individual differences, learning exceptionalities, and sociocultural backgrounds.
3. Demonstrate effective instruction, caring behavior, and reflection to improve practice.
4. Know and value how individuals are shaped by their life experiences as mediated by factors such as social class, gender, race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, age, and social needs. Our candidates know, value, and engage in culturally responsive teaching to promote social justice, particularly in our urban areas.
5. Use appropriate technology in carrying out their professional responsibilities.