

POST BA/MA TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Student Work Plan

Second Field Certification in Teaching English as a Second Language

As of 1/7/08, the State of New Jersey requires that all candidates for TESL certification demonstrate spoken and written proficiency in English by taking the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Written (WT) portion of the ACTFL Proficiency Test and achieving a level of 'Advanced Low' on both.

Undergraduate courses begin with the LNGN code; graduate courses with the APLN code. New Jersey accepts any mix of graduate and undergraduate courses for 2nd field certification in TESL.¹ The LNGN and APLN courses rotate in such a way that it is possible to finish the certification in two semesters if three courses are taken each semester.

Second Field Certification in TESL requires six courses (18 credits) chosen from the following:

	Course Options	Course Chosen	Semester
1	LNGN 210 Introduction to General Linguistics (every semester) OR APLN 500 Language and Linguistics (every semester)		
2	LNGN 220 Structure of American English (every semester) OR APLN 524 Advanced Structure of American English (Spring semester)		
3	LNGN 245 Language and Culture (Spring semester) OR APLN 532 Language and Culture (Fall semester) OR APLN 534 Languages in Contact (Fall semester) OR APLN 536 Languages of the USA (Fall semester)		
4	LNGN 325 Principles of Second Language Learning (Spring semester) OR APLN 520 Current Theories of 2nd Lang Acquisition (Fall semester)		
5	LNGN 403 Methods and Materials of TESL (Fall semester) OR APLN 525 Methods of Teaching ESL (Spring semester)		
6	LNGN 405 Field Experience in TESL (every semester) ² OR APLN 529 TESL Practicum (every semester)		

Students: Please read the New Jersey State Department of Education Requirements below and sign.

I understand that 2nd field certification in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) is only granted by the State of New Jersey, not Montclair State University or its Linguistics Department, and that the state requires that students who enter the Post-BA program for 2nd field certification in TESL hold either a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) or a Permanent Certificate.

Furthermore, I understand that Montclair State University does not recommend a student to the state of New Jersey for Second Field Certification if the graduating Grade Point Average of the student is below 3.0. For a student who achieves a GPA below 3.0, it is incumbent upon the student to provide their Montclair State transcript directly to the state to receive certification in the second field.

I also understand that state certification in TESL is conditional upon attainment of an 'advanced low' rank in the ACTFL OPI and WT tests of English language proficiency.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

¹Five of the six courses at the APLN (graduate) level are accepted towards the MA in Applied Linguistics. If you are entertaining the possibility of going on for a master's degree, we advise you to take these graduate level courses.

² The Field Experience and Practicum courses must be taken with or after a theory course (either LNGN325 or APLN520).