

Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) in TESOL

This Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is a rigorous academic program that trains currently certified teachers for professional careers in TESOL. This CAS is appropriate for candidates who have a master's degree and a current New York State teacher certification. Candidates who successfully complete this 18 credit hour program are eligible for New York State teacher certification in TESOL K-12. Note: New York State also requires proof of successful completion of at least 12 post-secondary credit hours of study in a language other than English (LOTE) for ESOL certification.

Requirements for admission to Fredonia's CAS in TESOL

The requirements for admission to Fredonia's CAS-TESOL without deficiencies are:

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree in an area of arts, science, or education.
- Completion of a master's degree
- Current teaching certificate
- GPA of 3.00 or above from last degree acquired (New York State requirement)
- Evidence of having taken the GRE (New York State requirement)
- Evidence of successful completion of New York State DASA Training
- Completed Graduate Application submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies including:
 - (a) official academic transcripts from all prior undergraduate and graduate institutions (except SUNY Fredonia)
 - (b) a resume (or CV curricula vitae)
 - (c) a statement of candidate's background and goals in addition to a resume (maximum 3 pages)
 - (d) three names with current contact information of professional associates who will speak on the candidate's behalf. These names are in lieu of submitting written recommendation letters. The TESOL Program Coordinator has the option of contacting these professional people for a reference.

Language Proficiency Requirements For Native Speakers of English:

- A graduate-level 800-1200 word short essay in English which addresses the following: "Describe your reasons for pursuing an advanced certificate in TESOL and support your rationale with specific information."
- 12 post-secondary credit hours in a Language Other than English (LOTE), or an approved equivalency in a single language. Candidates may be accepted conditionally into the TESOL program without the LOTE credits fulfilled; however, full matriculation into the TESOL CAS is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of this requirement
- A satisfactory intermediate-level 800-1200 word short essay in a language other than English (LOTE). This essay may be on any topic, preferably one

academic in nature. Candidates may be accepted conditionally into the TESOL CAS without this LOTE essay; however, full matriculation is contingent upon the satisfactory evaluation of this essay.

Language Proficiency Requirements For Non-Native Speakers of English:

- A statement of candidate’s background and goals in addition to a resume (maximum 3 pages)
- A graduate-level 800-1200 word short essay in English which addresses the following: “Describe your reasons for pursuing an advanced certificate in TESOL and support your rationale with specific information.”
- A graduate level 800-1200 word short essay in the candidate's native language. This could be any academic paper (e.g., a paper from a college course). Further stipulations as listed under “**Additional requirements for non-native speakers of English to the TESOL programs.**”

Course Requirements		Credit Hours
EDU 518	Second Language Acquisition & Development	3
EDU 519	Curriculum Theory for the Second Language Classroom -- ESL I	3
EDU 521	Practicum I in TESOL	0
EDU 540	Content Area ESL	3
EDU 541	Practicum II in TESOL	0
EDU 568	Foundations of Bilingual Education	3
EDU 567	Practicum III in TESOL	0
EDU 569	Assessment and Evaluation of English Language Learners (ELLs)	3
EDU 671	ESOL/BE Practicum & Supervision 20 Days	3
Total Credit Hours for CAS		18