

TESL Rhode Island College

Course Pathway: **CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN TESL**

The Certificate of Graduate Studies (CGS) in TESL leads to ESL Certification from RIDE.* The CGS is a seven-course sequence.

Gateway courses:

1

TESL 539

Language Acquisition and Learning

Theory and research relating to first- and second-language acquisition and learning are examined from a pedagogical perspective. Emphasis is on variables affecting language learning and teaching.

2

TESL 549

Sociocultural Foundations of Language Minority Education

Students examine sociocultural issues relating to the instructional needs of language minority students, including social, cultural, political, and legal contexts of instruction.

Recommended Sequence of Subsequent Courses:

3

TESL 541

Applied Linguistics in ESL

The basic sounds, structures, and transformations of contemporary English usage as a basis for teaching English as a second language are examined.

4

TESL 546
or TESL 548

Teaching English as a Second Language(546)/Curriculum & Methods for Content ESL Instruction (548)

These are methods courses for students and teachers who plan to teach or are presently teaching English as a second language. The teaching techniques demonstrated reflect up-to-date research in applied linguistics.

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TESL 551

Assessment of English Language Learners

The course explores principles of assessment for English Language Learners, formal and informal assessment methods and data analyses designed to improve instruction.

6

TESL 507

Teaching Reading and Writing to ESL Students

The focus of this course is on second-language literacy in reading and writing for limited English proficient students.

Capstone Experience/Final Course:

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TESL 553

Internship in English as a Secondary Language

Students conduct assessments, provide instruction, and collaborate with professionals and parents in supervised ESL settings. Includes weekly seminars.

Course notes:

TESL 539 and TESL 549 are gateway courses. They have no pre-reqs and can be taken in any order.

Pre-Req: TESL 539 & TESL 549
TESL 541 and TESL 546/548 can be taken in any order.

Pre-Req: TESL 539 & TESL 549
TESL 546 is for Elementary Teachers and **TESL 548** is for Secondary/Adult Teachers.

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Though the TESL 553 Internship is the final course in the sequence, you may take one additional course concurrently with approval from your advisor.

*Additional RIDE Requirements for ESL Certification:

1. Candidates must hold a RI Teaching Certificate.
2. Candidates must pass the ESOL Praxis 5362 exam.
3. During course projects, candidates must work with students across the grade levels of their certification area and work with students across WIDA proficiency levels. Use your shared advising file to track this data for key assessments in the seven-course sequence.

