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**The NYSUT Education & Learning Trust and Mercy College are partnering to make it easier for teachers to pursue NYS TESOL and Bilingual certification\* through our expanded online programs. These ELT/Mercy programs include:**

## **Bilingual Extension to a Teaching Certificate 15 credits**

Applicants to the program are required to possess a NYS teaching certificate, and successfully complete the Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA). The Bilingual Extension certification requires training for the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) and participation in a college supervised field experience.

**Bilingual Extension to a Teaching Certificate:** (15 credits)

**NYSUT ELT Core Courses:**

- EDUC 505 Teaching English as a Second Language (3 credits)
- EDUC 508 Theory and Practice of Bilingual Education (3 credits)

**Mercy Courses:**

- EDUC 509 Linguistics and Language Development, from Birth through Adulthood (3 credits)
- EDUC 602 Native Language Arts and Social Studies in Bilingual Education (3 credits)
- EDUC 604 Mathematics and Science Bilingual Education (3 credits)

## **Advanced Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) 12 credits**

Applicants to the program are required to possess a master's degree and NYS teaching certificate other than TESOL, and provide documentation of 12 credits in a language other than English. The NYS certification in ESOL requirements include successful completion of the Content Specialty Test in ESOL, training for the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), and participation in a 20-day clinical practice experience teaching ESL to ELLs.

**Advanced Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages:** (12 Credits)

**NYSUT ELT Core Course:**

- EDUC 505 Teaching English as a Second Language (3 credits)

**Mercy Courses:**

- EDUC 629 Modern English Structure and the Teaching of English as a Second Language (3 credits)
- EDUC 636 (Pre-requisite for EDUC 707) Methods and Materials of Teaching English as a Second Language (3 credits)
- \*EDUC 707 Mentoring Seminar in TESOL (3 credits)

\*After completing NYSUT core course(s) with a grade of B or above, students formally apply to Mercy College for matriculation in order to complete remaining requirements.

**NYSUT ELT is an approved provider of DASA training. Please contact us for more information.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Students are NOT eligible to register for a Mercy sponsored course through NYSUT ELT or UFT if:

- they have already completed 15 Mercy College credits through NYSUT ELT or UFT,
- they are currently enrolled in a Mercy College degree or Advanced Certificate Program,
- they are on a financial hold with Mercy College, or-they were academically dismissed by Mercy College.

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## **FAQs: Bilingual Education to a Teaching Certificate and Advanced Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)**

**Q: What is the difference between 'NYSUT ELT Courses' and 'Mercy Courses'?**

A: NYSUT ELT Courses refer to specific Mercy College courses that are delivered through NYSUT ELT at a reduced rate.

**Q: I took a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages as part of my TESOL degree with another college. Do I need to take this course again for the Bilingual Extension?**

A: Graduate courses taken at other institutions prior to admission to the graduate program at Mercy College may be credited. The request to transfer credits must be made at the time of admission and include official transcripts and course descriptions. Transfer credit is limited to six semester hours of credit for courses taken within the last five years in which the student has received a grade of B or better. Transfer credits are not recorded as part of the GPA.

**Q: What is the cost of the program?**

A: NYSUT ELT courses are offered at \$665 per online course plus the cost of the textbook(s). The remaining Mercy College courses are offered at the college's tuition rate, and can be found on their website at: <https://www.mercy.edu/admissions/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees>.

**Q: Must the 12 credits in a foreign language be completed before beginning the TESOL program?**

A: In order to **complete** the Advanced Certificate in TESOL, Mercy College requires that students have 12 credits in a language other than English (*must be the same language*). The language requirement does not have to be completed prior to taking the ELT course work or prior to matriculating with Mercy. The credits can be obtained either from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or undergraduate course work.

**Q: How will I complete the clinical practice experience required in the 12-credit TESOL Advanced Certificate program as I am currently a full-time teacher?**

A: The Advanced Certificate in TESOL program requires a 100 hour clinical practice experience (fifty hours at the elementary level, fifty hours at the secondary level) of teaching ESL to English language learners (ELLs) and four site-based observations. Mercy College will set this up with you after you have been accepted into the TESOL Advanced Certificate program.

**Q: What are my next steps after completing the courses with ELT?**

A: After completing the NYSUT core courses with a grade of B or above, you will formally apply to Mercy College's graduate program to complete the remaining course requirements. To apply, you will complete an online graduate application (<https://www.mercy.edu/apply-now/graduate-admissions-online-application>), submit a \$40 nonrefundable application fee, official baccalaureate transcript(s) and any other supporting documents that may be required depending on the program of interest.