



# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Master of Education-Bilingual Education program provides course work in the fields of language, culture, literacy, dual language methodology and other related areas of education to prepare teachers of Bilingual Education. The program combines a master's degree from the Graduate School with initial and professional licensure as a Teacher of Bilingual Education PK-12 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is possible to combine the degree and licensure in Bilingual Education with licensure in Special Education or another specialized area.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application form or online. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who already hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000-word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:  
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?  
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?  
Is there any other information that you think would help the Admissions Committee to evaluate your application?

### Additional Requirements for the MEd –Bilingual Education:

- Bachelor of Arts/Science Degree
- Initial licensure in some area of non-bilingual education (e.g. elementary, early childhood, middle school, secondary, special education) or course work leading to such licensure as prescribed by the appropriate Program Coordinator and a practicum.
- Proficiency in the target language as measured by an assessment instrument recognized by the Department of Education or the language assessment offered at University of Massachusetts-Boston or alternative evaluation of language proficiency that satisfies the program coordinator.
- Proficiency in English (as documented by a degree from an English speaking college or university or a TOEFL score of 550). The Program Coordinator will have the final responsibility to recommend that candidate's language proficiency is adequate for graduate study and for teaching.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Admission: June 1 | Spring Admission: October 1 | Summer Admission: February 1

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE

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COURSES TAKEN BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARD THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed. The Program Coordinator will assess the potential acceptance of transfer credits. Unlicensed candidates must take appropriate course work, approved by the Program Coordinator, to obtain licensure in an approved field.

All candidates for the M.Ed. – Bilingual must complete 1) a minimum of 36-42 credit hours of graduate course work, as described below, 2) a professional portfolio, 3) an action research project and 4) a comprehensive exam that is taken after most of the course work is completed.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

## **Credits**

### **Foundation Courses:**

- EDU 990X Introduction to Bilingual Education 3
- EDU 876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity 3  
OR
- EDU 990J Issues and Trends in Cultural Diversity 3
- EDU 990I Curricular Strategies for the ESL/Bilingual classroom 3  
OR
- EDU 775 Bilingual Education: Methods and Materials 3
- \*EDU 780 Practicum in Bilingual Education 3
- EDU 793 Second Language Acquisition 3
- EDU 794N Assessment of Second Language Learners 3
- EDU 799 Bilingual Literacy Development for Bilingual Students 3

\*If not completed as part of previous advanced provisional certification or initial licensure

### **Electives (3 Credits) choose one of the following:**

- HIS 725 Latinos in the United States 3
- HIS 731R Modern Latin America 3
- HIS 970 Seminar: East and Southeast Asia 3
- SOC 731 Peoples of Asia: India and China 3
- SOC 990 Caribbean Culture Institute 3
- SPN 716 Hispano-American Civilization 3

### **Professional Level:**

- EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum 3
- EDU 992D The Bilingual Student with Special Needs 3
- ENG 774 Spanish Linguistics 3  
OR
- SPN 750 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics and Sociolinguistics 3
- ENG 771 Sociolinguistics 3
- ENG 775 Chinese and Southeast Asian Linguistics 3
- \*\*EDU 800 The Clinical Experience in Bilingual Education 3

\*\*For candidates who have not previously received Standard Certification in another field.

### **Total Credits:**

**36-42**

For students who do not wish to obtain teacher licensure, the M. Ed.-Bilingual Education may be awarded if the candidate has successfully completed the 36-credit-hour course sequence above, the prerequisites second language competency, as well as the half practicum in Bilingual Education.

Candidates for educational licensure must also take and pass the (MTEL), Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure.

Please note: Be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu).

Subsequent to the publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.

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