New Secondary Bilingual Education Extension Program (7–12)

Earn a Bilingual Education Credential to Increase Your Career Opportunities!
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Over 41% of the students in New York City public schools speak a language other than English at home. One in every four New York City public school students is an English language learner. The Bilingual Education Extension program has been designed in response to a shortage of bilingual subject matter teachers in New York City secondary schools, and is based on needs assessment and increasing graduation standards.

The 7–12 Bilingual Education program will be of special interest to students who have attained Initial Certification in a content area of specialization in secondary education and are themselves proficient in a Language Other Than English (LOTE). The program prepares these initially certified secondary teachers to work with bilinguals and bilingual English language learners in both mainstream and bilingual subject matter classrooms.

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS
You are eligible to apply if you are certified in your subject matter (such as mathematics, science, social studies, etc.) at the secondary level (7–12) or completing your Initial Certification program in secondary education by June 2014 and proficient in one of the following languages: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Haitian Creole, Urdu, Bengali, or Arabic, etc.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The program provides a 15-credit course of study, with guided field experience to prepare certified subject matter teachers to work with bilingual English language learners as well as native English-speaking learners who are bilingual in both mainstream and bilingual subject matter classrooms.

Once you hold a bilingual education credential along with your subject matter teaching credential, you can increase your career opportunities for:
- Mainstream subject matter classroom teaching
- Bilingual subject matter classroom teaching
- Dual-language classroom teaching

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