New Secondary Bilingual Education Extension Program (7-12)

Earn the Bilingual Education Credential to Increase Your Career Opportunities!

Department of Secondary Education and Youth Services of Queens College invites you to apply to the newly approved Secondary Bilingual Education Extension program (7-12).

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 Secondary Bilingual Education Extension program (7-12) is designed based on the needs assessment and increasing graduation standards as well as in response to a shortage of bilingual subject matter teachers in New York City secondary schools.

The program is for students who have attained an initial certification in a content area of specialization in secondary education (7-12) 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 classes.

Program Admissions:
- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, completing a major in which they seek certification;
- At least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in their initial certification program;
- New York State Initial Certificate in a secondary level (7-12) subject matter area, such as mathematics, science, social studies, etc. Please note that teachers certified in ESL or in Foreign Languages are not eligible to apply for this program.
- Bilingual proficiency, including language proficiency in which they are seeking the extension, such as Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Spanish, or Urdu, etc.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- An essay of about 250 words about the candidate’s rationale for pursuing the secondary Bilingual Education Extension

Program requirements:
The required 15-credit course of study along with a total of 60 hours of the fieldwork experience leads to the New York State Bilingual Extension (7-12). Most courses in the bilingual education program require fieldwork. Required coursework:

- SEYS 706 Globalization and Bilingual Education 3 credits
- SEYS 720 Education of Immigrant Students 3 credits
- SEYS 767.3 Language Acquisition and Learning for Bilingual ELLs 3 credits
- SEYS 744 Methods and Materials in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in the Content Areas 3 credits
- SEYS 745 Reading and Writing for Diverse Learners 3 credits
Once you hold the bilingual education credential along with your subject matter teaching credential, you can increase your career opportunities to become:

- Mainstream subject matter classroom teacher
- Bilingual subject matter classroom teacher
- Dual language classroom teacher

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