BA in Linguistics with TESOL certification

Language is the key to knowledge. An ESL teacher must become a master locksmith, devising linguistic tools that link the learner to the curriculum. Any teacher with English language learners in his or her classroom must craft a key into the students’ long term memory by utilizing innovative pedagogical strategies.

Elizabeth A. Brown, Stony Brook TESOL teacher candidate

The TESOL program prepares students to become teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. The thorough foundation in General Linguistics that characterizes our program serves our teacher candidates well in their development as professionals. Additionally, the Stony Brook University program is unique on Long Island in its emphasis on data-driven curriculum decision-making and the integration of technology specifically focused on the needs of English Language Learners. Our graduates are sought after by local districts familiar with the quality of our program.

The New York State TESOL license is valid from Pre-K through to adulthood. At Stony Brook University, students who seek TESOL teacher certification major in Linguistics and must meet the minimum rigorous qualifications to be accepted into the teacher education program. Additionally, the program is resolute in maintaining standards beyond the minimum required by New York State Education Department. The department has already implemented the edTPA requirements for certification.

Prospective teachers must meet with both the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Linguistics and the Director of TESOL Education Program to obtain the required signatures and discuss course selection. Applications are accepted by April 15th for the following Fall admission and by November 15th for the upcoming Spring admission.

To be admitted to the TESOL teacher education program, applicants must meet the requirements below. Questions should be addressed to the director of the teacher education program. Please consult the Undergraduate Bulletin for more information.

1. Applicants must have earned a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0.
2. Applicants must have earned a 3.0 grade point average in the Linguistics major. Students are required to have taken LIN 101 (Human Language), LIN 201 (Phonetics), or LIN 311 (Syntax) in order to register for LIN 375 and LIN 449.
3. Applicants must submit a well-written 500-750 word essay based on concepts identified in the Themes & Pathways articulated in the PEP conceptual framework. Additional instructions regarding admissions essay content can be found in the PEP Application Form.

For further information and/or to schedule an appointment, please contact:

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