



Bilingual-Bicultural Certification Offsite Program Orange Public Schools Fall 2020

What Are the Essential Features About the Program?

- Montclair State University offers an on-site, non-degree program of study leading to the New Jersey State Bilingual-Bicultural Certification (BBC), for public school teachers who are proficient in a language other than English.
- The program consists of four, 3-credit courses offered on-site at a designated school in the district during after school hours, two courses per semester.
- The course sequence covers all necessary content to meet New Jersey Department of Education requirements for the Bilingual Bicultural endorsement.
- All courses are taught by Montclair State faculty.

Areas of Preparation

- ▶ Language Acquisition and Bilingualism
- ▶ Sociocultural Foundations of Teaching Bilingual Learners
- ▶ Literacy and the Bilingual Learner
- ▶ Teaching Content in the Bilingual and Sheltered English classroom

Delivery Format

- The BBC program for public schools is offered in hybrid format, meaning that participants attend class face-to-face once a week, while completing their coursework online from the convenience of their homes.
- Participants' access to all course materials, including the online component of the coursework, is facilitated through MSU's online course management system - Canvas. To access Canvas, participants will need to be fully registered as graduate students with the university, establish a university username, password and email account, and have internet access.
- Participants will receive a tutorial and ongoing support in the use of MSU's online technology.

Academic Advisors

- All public school teachers enrolled in the BBC program will be assigned an academic advisor.
- The role of the academic advisor is to support participants' successful completion of the program by offering personalized, one-on-one assistance with all matters related to course-work.

ESL Certification Option

The option is also available for teachers who complete this program, to take one additional course (APLN 524) to become eligible for ESL Certification as well.

Please Note: Teachers interested in this option must meet the following criteria:

- Must be bilingual and have completed the 12 credit BBC program at MSU
- This option is not available to teachers only seeking ESL certification. Teachers seeking ESL Certification only must apply to the ESL program at MSU

OPI/WPT Language Proficiency Tests

Bilingual teachers are required to demonstrate oral and written proficiency in English and a second language. The chart indicates ways a bilingual candidate may exhibit proficiency in these areas, with the portion highlighted in yellow indicating the additional flexibility granted by a March 2017 NJ DOE resolution:

Requirement:	Oral English	Written English	Oral Second Language	Written Second Language
Ways to demonstrate proficiency for each requirement:	Achieve “Intermediate High” score or greater ¹ on the English Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Assessment.	Pass the Basic Skills Assessment (Praxis CORE); OR Achieve “Advanced Low” or greater on the English Written Proficiency Test (WPT); OR Achieve “Intermediate High” or greater on the WPT if Second Language WPT score is “Advanced Low” or better.	Achieve “Advanced Low” or greater on the Oral Proficiency Interview Test in the foreign language; OR Establish that he/she was primarily educated at the undergraduate or graduate level in that language.	Achieve “Advanced Low” or greater on the Written Proficiency Test (WPT) in the foreign language; OR Achieve “Intermediate High” or greater on the WPT if English WPT score is “Advanced Low” or better.

OPI/WPT Cont...

PLEASE NOTE:

Passing scores on the oral and written language proficiency tests in English and the target language (OPI & WPT) are not required for acceptance into the program.

However, the University **strongly recommends that the tests are taken prior to enrolling into the program. The NJDOE will not issue your certification without your passing scores on the OPI/WPT tests.**

Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website at www.languagetesting.com or by calling Language Testing International by phone at 914-963-7110

Sample Schedule

Fall 2020	
<u>READ 520 HYBRID (3 credits)</u> Language Acquisition and Bilingualism	<u>ECEL 529 HYBRID (3 Credits)</u> Sociocultural Foundations of Teaching Bilingual Learners
Spring 2021	
<u>READ 521 HYBRID (3 Credits)</u> Literacy and the Bilingual Learner	<u>ECEL 527 HYBRID (3 Credits)</u> Teaching Content in the Bilingual and Sheltered English classroom

Benefits of the Partnership

- **Educational Benefits**

- Cohort with colleagues
- Personal mentor
- School based course work

- **Practical Benefits**

- Minimal commute
- Free parking
- Reduced fees
- Expedited application
- Frozen tuition and fees for the duration of program

Application Requirements

- Online Application: <https://www.montclair.edu/graduate/how-to-apply/>
- Fee (Waived)
- Transcripts (Bachelor's degree required)
- Copy of Teacher or Educational Services Certification
- Per NJDOE regulations, teachers holding only World Languages certification are not eligible for this program.

Financial Information

- **Tuition**

- \$659.33 per credit for students enrolling in Fall 2019. *This is a discounted rate for off-site students, and may change slightly in July 2020 at the Board of Trustees meeting.*

- **District Support**

- The Orange Board of Education has generously committed to supporting the teachers in the district who seek certification through this partnership with Montclair State University.

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