

ARCTELL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION?

To be considered for admission, applicants must:

- Hold a valid Connecticut teaching certificate;
- Have worked full-time under a Connecticut teaching certificate for a minimum of two years during the previous ten years;
- Be currently employed by a Connecticut district during the course of study;
- Verify proficiency in a language other than English as determined by ACTFL for certification as a Bilingual teacher (Bilingual-only candidates);

WHAT IF I DO NOT MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS, BUT FEEL THAT I AM QUALIFIED FOR THE PROGRAM?

If you do not meet the qualifications for admission, but feel that you are indeed qualified for this program, please submit a statement as to why, along with the application materials. Applicant statements will be evaluated on an individual basis.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

During the program year, participants attend 150 hours of classroom instruction, must complete 20 hours of professional development opportunities and engage 130 hours of field work related to teaching English Language Learners. They must also apply strategies to 15 hours in a job-embedded assignment.

WHEN ARE CLASSES HELD?

Classes are held on Monday evenings from 5:00-8:00 pm and occasional Saturdays from 9:00-3:00 pm. Classes are suspended during the summer. Class times may be changed based upon the needs of the cohort. Additional Saturdays may be used to make up snow dates if necessary.

WHAT TOPICS WILL BE ADDRESSED?

Topics addressed are aligned with the TESOL standards and include Language, Culture, Planning, Instruction, Assessment, and Professionalism.

To view the full TESOL/NCATE Standards, please follow the link: [http://www.tesol.org/docs/books/the-revised-tesol-ncate-standards-for-the-recognition-of-initial-tesol-programs-in-p-12-esl-teacher-education-\(2010-pdf\).pdf?sfvrsn=2](http://www.tesol.org/docs/books/the-revised-tesol-ncate-standards-for-the-recognition-of-initial-tesol-programs-in-p-12-esl-teacher-education-(2010-pdf).pdf?sfvrsn=2)

WHO ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

Faculty includes exemplary TESOL and Bilingual teachers, as well as program and technical support from ACES Education Specialists. The program is advised by a Board comprised of former and current ELL administrators from CT school districts, as well as ELL consultants on both the regional and state level.

WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL CT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS?

In addition to successfully completing the ARCTELL program of instruction, the CT State Department of Education Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification requires a passing score of 146 on the TESOL Praxis II (ETS 0361) to earn the TESOL cross-endorsement.

For more information on required assessments for CT teaching certifications, visit:

www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/Cert/guides/assess_for_cert.pdf.

HOW DO I OBTAIN THE BILINGUAL CROSS-ENDORSEMENT?

ARCTELL completers who hold a CT teaching certification in Elementary, Middle or a secondary certificate in English, Math, Science or History/Social Studies can apply for a bilingual cross-endorsement in the same area. Bilingual candidates who successfully complete the program are eligible for both the Bilingual and TESOL endorsements, as the program of instruction is the same.

In addition to successfully completing the ARCTELL program of instruction, Bilingual candidates must also meet American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency requirements, including the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in English, and the ACTFL-OPI and Writing Proficiency Test (ACTFL-WPT) in the native language of instruction. Candidates interested in obtaining their Bilingual cross-endorsement only, and not the TESOL, need to submit passing results on these tests prior to entry in the program.

For more information regarding ACTFL language proficiency requirements, visit <http://languagetesting.com>.

For more information regarding CT certifications, visit <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde>.

ARE THERE UNIVERSITY CREDITS AVAILABLE TOWARDS A DEGREE?

Through an articulation agreement, ARCTELL completers could receive 12 credits towards a Master's Degree in Education at Eastern CT State University. Further details available upon request.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To Apply, Submit the Following:

- The completed application form
- A copy of your CT teaching certification
- Your current résumé
- College transcripts
- Two letters of reference, including one from a current administrator
- A non-refundable application fee of \$75.00 (make check payable to "ACES")

MAIL all completed application materials to:

ARCTELL
c/o John Gustafson
205 Skiff Street
Hamden, CT 06517

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

Applications must be postmarked by January 3, 2014.

WILL THERE BE AN INTERVIEW?

Interviews are part of the admission process. Following a paper screening of all applicants, personal interviews will be conducted for selected applicants to determine who will be admitted to the program.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$75.00. Tuition and materials are \$4,800.00. Installment plans may be available.

IS THERE TUITION ASSISTANCE?

Most participants receive some type of tuition assistance.

WILL MY DISTRICT HELP FUND MY TUITION?

Some districts may be able to provide tuition assistance to participants from Title III funds. We encourage you to contact your district central office to discuss the availability of such assistance. Be sure to remind them that they will be gaining not only a TESOL certified teacher, but also a knowledge base for the entire district.

WHAT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

For further information, please contact John Gustafson at jgustafson@aces.org or call 203-407-4451.