The ESL Teacher Certification program is a competency-based program that prepares educators to be culturally and linguistically responsive teachers of English Language Learners (ELLs).

- Teachers engage in readings, lectures, learning activities, workshops, analyses of videos of their own teaching practice, and a range of meetings.

- All content in the program is aligned with the National Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) standards.

- Assignments are designed to be practical, job-embedded, and highly associated with classroom learning.

- Each teacher is paired with an instructional coach called a “Learning Guide” (LG). LGs provide feedback and support to tailor the learner experiences to meet the needs of their individual ESL teacher candidates.

- Upon demonstrating evidence of meeting the TESOL competencies and completing all program requirements, teachers are eligible to apply for ESL Teacher Certification through the Rhode Island Department of Education (the program is not credit bearing).

- The application window for the 2020-2021 cohort will open in Winter for 2020.