



## RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE TESL PROGRAM

### FALL 2016 BULLETIN

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

As you may know, beginning this semester, I will be taking over as Director of the TESL Program here at RIC. I am so excited and honored to have this opportunity to work with such dedicated and passionate educators across Rhode Island (and surrounding states!). I look forward to meeting all of you and supporting you, not only through the process of earning your degree in TESL, but also as you begin, or continue, your work with emergent bilinguals, or English Language Learners. Feel free to stop in my office to say hello or with any questions or concerns you may have.

My office hours this semester are:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1:30-3:30 pm and by appointment.

My office is located in Henry Barnard School, Room 206.

You can contact me by:

Email: [shesson@ric.edu](mailto:shesson@ric.edu)

Phone: 401-456-8789

I hope to meet all of you soon, and until then, have a wonderful start of the Fall semester.

Warmly,

Dr. Sarah Hesson

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### COURSES OFFERED THIS FALL

**\*All classes take place from 4-6:50pm\***

| <b>Mondays</b>                                                                        | <b>Tuesdays</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>Wednesdays</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>Thursdays</b>                                                                                                     |
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| <b>TESL 549:</b><br>Sociocultural<br>Foundations of<br>Language Minority<br>Education | <b>TESL 507:</b> Teaching<br>Reading and Writing<br>to ESL Students<br><br><b>TESL 546:</b> Teaching<br>English as a Second<br>Language | <b>TESL 551:</b><br>Assessment of<br>English Language<br>Learners<br><br><b>BLBC 516:</b> Methods<br>and Materials in<br>Bilingual-Bicultural<br>Education | <b>TESL 541:</b> Applied<br>Linguistics in ESL<br><br><b>TESL 553:</b> Internship<br>in ESL (By<br>application only) |

**Note:** FNED 502 (Thursday) and FNED 547 (Tuesday) are also offered this fall.

For undergraduate students, 2 sections of TESL 300 are offered: Monday-Thursday and Tuesday-Friday.



### **ARE YOU FULLY PROFICIENT IN SPANISH OR PORTUGUESE?**

If you are fully proficient in Spanish or Portuguese and would like to consider obtaining the Bilingual/Dual Language Teaching Certificate in addition to your ESL certificate, please note that one of the courses needed for that teaching certificate will ONLY be offered this fall: *BLBC 516- Methods and Materials in Bilingual-Bicultural Education*.

Teachers in a Dual Language/Bilingual Program must have sufficient proficiency to teach subjects in the target language. To demonstrate this, they must pass a proficiency test in the language. Teachers pursuing this license enrolled in our program do not take TESL 546/8 and instead would take BLBC 516.

### **On-Going Announcements**

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

You may not take more than 3 courses in the *M.Ed. or C.G.S. in TESL Program* without being admitted. Contact Dr. Hesson ([shesson@ric.edu](mailto:shesson@ric.edu)) immediately if you have taken 3 courses and are enrolled in your 4<sup>th</sup> class, as you are over the limit and may be dropped.

**REMINDER: ALL TESL Students MUST purchase Chalk & Wire. No exceptions.**

#### **TESL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR WHICH YOU MUST APPLY:**

- M.Ed. students only: Please be aware that in order to take **the Comprehensive Assessment (Exit Portfolio)**, you must apply one semester prior to the semester in which you want your assessment to be read so that readers can be assigned.
- M.Ed. and C.G.S. students: Please be aware that in order to enroll in **TESL 553-the ESL Internship** you must complete an application that shows that you qualify to take the course one semester prior to the semester you want to take the course.

Application forms are posted on the TESL website (Go to [www.ric.edu/tesl](http://www.ric.edu/tesl) and click on "Forms for Current Students" or follow this direct link: [http://www.ric.edu/tesl/current\\_students.php](http://www.ric.edu/tesl/current_students.php))

#### **M.Ed. in TESL PROGRAM: Comprehensive Assessment and Exit Interviews**

- As of Fall 2015, M.Ed. in TESL students will have up to three semesters AFTER completing their coursework to complete the comprehensive assessment and exit interview.
- Comprehensive Assessment/Exit Interviews will only be offered Fall and Spring semesters, unless otherwise notified.
- Completing your comprehensive exam this Fall or Spring, or just interested in learning more about the process? Stay tuned for an info session this fall, as well as a working session for those completing the exam this semester.

Need more information? Contact me at [shesson@ric.edu](mailto:shesson@ric.edu) or stop in during office hours.