

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE
FEINSTEIN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
TESL & BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
FALL 2017 BULLETIN



Good afternoon RIC TESL and Bilingual Education students!

I hope you were all able to enjoy some fun and relaxation this summer, and are ready to jump into the Fall semester.

First, I would like to introduce you to the newest member of our team, Dr. Leila Rosa. Dr. Rosa comes to us from University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where she worked in the Department of Leadership, Education, and Policy Studies. Her research interests include the eligibility of English Language Learners for special services, and trauma and the impact of trauma on learning and achievement outcomes. Dr. Rosa is looking forward to immersing herself in the Rhode Island College culture and community. Please feel free to stop by during office hours or make an appointment to introduce yourself and welcome Dr. Rosa to campus!

As you plan for the semester, please note some important dates below:

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| September 11 (TODAY!) | Last day to add or drop classes without a charge. |
| September 19, 7-8pm: | Comprehensive Assessment Portfolio Information Session (Mandatory for those completing the portfolio this semester, but all are welcome)
Location: Horace Mann 191 |
| September 20, 4-6pm: | Worldviews Lecture Series: Youth-Led Social Justice Activism in RI
Location: Gaige 200 (See flyer attached.) |
| September 30, 9-1pm: | Comprehensive Assessment Portfolio Working Session (<u>Only for students completing the portfolio this semester</u>) Location: HBS 205 |
| October 14, 8:30-12:30pm: | RITELL Conference! Location: Student Union Ballroom |
| October 16, 6:30-8pm: | Internship evaluation rubric training (<u>Only for students in TESL 553 this semester</u>) Location: Student Union Ballroom |
| November 1: | Apply to the CGS or M.Ed. in TESL programs
(You will be notified approx. 6 weeks after the application deadline.) |
| November 6: | Spring registration opens for matriculated students. |
| December 4: | Spring registration opens for non-degree graduate students. (Those applying to the program this semester will register on this date. |

My office hours this semester are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3:45 pm and by appointment. My office is located in Henry Barnard School, Room 206. Please email ahead to make an appointment if possible, or just stop in to say hello.

You can contact me by:
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Warmly,

Dr. Sarah Hesson

On-Going Announcements

ARE YOU FULLY PROFICIENT IN SPANISH OR PORTUGUESE?

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. If you are proficient in Spanish or Portuguese and would like to consider obtaining the Bilingual/Dual Language Teaching Certificate in addition to your ESL certificate, please contact me for details.

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) immediately if you have taken 3 courses and did NOT submit an application for Fall 2017.

Looking ahead, applications for Spring 2018 matriculation are due November 1, 2017.

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 and click on "Forms for Current Students" or follow this direct link: 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.

Need more information? Contact me at shesson@ric.edu or stop in during office hours.