

TESL & BILINGUAL EDUCATION

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE



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Good afternoon RIC TESL and Bilingual Education students!

Welcome to the Fall semester!

First, I would like to introduce you to the newest member of our team, Dr. Jane Yedlin. Dr. Yedlin comes to us from Wheelock College, and will be joining the TESL team for the year, teaching graduate classes and helping us launch some new classes for undergraduate students on campus. Please feel free to stop by during office hours or make an appointment to introduce yourself and welcome Dr. Yedlin to campus!

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

- October 20, 8:30-12:30pm: RITELL Conference on Translanguaging!
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ofelia García
Dr. María Cioè Peña and Prof. Rachel Toncelli will lead break-out sessions.
Location: Student Union Ballroom (See flyer attached)
- November 1: Apply to the CGS or M.Ed. in TESL programs
(You will be notified approx. 6 weeks after the application deadline.)
- November 13: Spring registration opens for matriculated students.
- December 3: 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 Tuesdays from 2-3:30pm and Wednesdays from 12-3pm 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

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Program Announcements

CHANGES TO SPRING AND SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULE

- TESL 541 will be offered on Mondays in Spring 2019, and going forward will NOT be offered in the summer.
- TESL 551 will be offered in Summer I for the first time, Mondays and Wednesdays 4-7:35pm.

ATTENTION BILINGUAL CANDIDATES: EARN BILINGUAL AND ESL CERTIFICATION AT ONCE!

If you are proficient in a language other than English and interested in working in a Bilingual/ Dual Language Program, consider joining our Bilingual Education track in the TESL program. **Through our Bil. Ed. 7-course sequence, you can become certified in both Bilingual Education AND ESL.** Note that Bilingual Education certification requires an additional language Praxis test to show proficiency in the partner language.

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 yet.

Looking ahead, applications for Spring 2019 matriculation are due November 1, 2018.

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.
- You can find both of these forms on our website [here](#).

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.