Do I need a teaching license to be admitted to the MAED program?
Yes, you need a NJ teaching certificate, either a CEAS or Standard Certificate.

ESL and Bilingual/bicultural Endorsement FAQs

When should I begin my ESL or Bilingual/bicultural teaching endorsement classes?
You can begin these classes after you have finished your undergraduate teacher education program and have applied for your initial certification. (You cannot apply for the ESL or BE endorsement until you have obtained an initial certification.). You have to apply for graduate admission to take these classes as they are only offered at the graduate level.

What does the ESL teaching endorsement entail?
In order to obtain this endorsement, you must take 5 graduate courses and 2 proficiency tests in English (oral and writing). See the ESL teaching endorsement curriculum worksheet for these classes.

What does the Bilingual/bicultural teaching endorsement entail?
In order to obtain this endorsement, you must take 4 graduate courses*, 2 proficiency tests in English (oral and writing) and 2 in another language (oral and writing). See the Bilingual/bicultural curriculum teaching endorsement worksheet for these classes.

(*The 4 graduate courses you need for the Bilingual/bicultural teaching endorsement are the same as 4 of the 5 required for the ESL teaching endorsement.)

Can I apply these courses toward an MAED?
Yes, you can apply all the courses to an MAED- ESL track.

When I complete the courses, how do I apply for these endorsements?
When you have completed the 4 or 5 required courses, bring your transcripts and your language proficiency tests scores to the School of Education office and we will help you with the application.