



The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

The following states are using Official ACTFL testing in foreign languages for some component of their teacher certification process. These states have established a formal testing protocol with the LTI, The ACTFL Testing Office, to assess teacher candidate speaking and writing proficiency. The minimal level of proficiency is established by the individual state.

State	Purpose	Required for	Test	Minimal level required: OPI/WPT
Alaska	Highly Qualified Status (NCLB)	Chinese, Japanese and Russian	OPI, WPT	Advanced Mid/Advanced Low
Arizona	Teacher Certification	World Languages except for Spanish, German, French, or English	OPI, OPIc, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Arkansas	Teacher Certification -WL	Chinese Mandarin	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Connecticut	Teacher Certification - WL	World Languages	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
	To waive 24 semester hours of credit for native/near-native speakers toward certification with an Advanced Low rating on the OPI.		OPI	Advanced Low (OPI only)
Delaware	Teacher Certification *For Chinese, French, German and Spanish WL applicants, only the Praxis II will be accepted.	Bilingual or ESOL - Languages using Roman based alphabet	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		Bilingual or ESOL - Languages using Non-Roman based alphabet	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Intermediate High
		WL - Languages using Roman based alphabet	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		WL - Languages using Non-Roman based alphabet	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Intermediate High
Florida	Teacher Certification	Arabic, Haitian Creole, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Persian Farsi, Portuguese, and Russian	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Georgia	Teaching Permit -WL	Languages using Roman based alphabet	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		Languages using Non-Roman based alphabet	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Hawaii	Teacher Certification	Languages using Roman based alphabet Languages using Non-Roman based Alphabet	OPI, OPIc, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High Intermediate Mid/Intermediate Mid
Maine	Teacher Certification -WL *as an alternative to coursework to document language proficiency	World Languages	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low

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Maryland	Teacher Certification -WL	Arabic, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Turkish	OPI, OPIc, WPT, ProFluent+	Intermediate High
	Teacher Certification -WL as an alternative to Praxis II	Chinese, French, German, and Spanish	OPI, OPIc, WPT ProFluent+	Intermediate High
New Jersey	Teacher Certification - WL	Category I, II, III languages	OPI	Advanced Low (OPI only)
	Teacher Certification - WL	Category IV languages		Intermediate High (OPI only)
	Teacher Certification - ESL	English	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
	Teacher Certification - Bilingual	English	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
New York	Teacher Certification - Languages Other Than English (LOTE) *For individuals who are native speakers or those who are skilled and proficient in the target language, the OPI and WPT can be used in lieu of college study in content knowledge, including language and culture, to satisfy up to 30 Content Hours for purposes of applying for teacher certification (Grades 5-9 or Grades 7-12). Both the OPI and WPT must be taken, in addition to other requirements.	Roman alphabet based languages	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		Non-Roman alphabet based languages	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
North Carolina	Lateral Entry and Added Area Certification	World Languages	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Ohio	Teacher Licensure - WL	All languages except ancient Greek, Latin and ASL.	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Oklahoma	Teacher Certification	All available World Languages	OPI, OPIc, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Pennsylvania	Teacher certification as an alternative to the Praxis	World/Foreign Languages	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High

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South Carolina	WL Teacher Certification	Candidates seeking certification in a Language for which they are a native speaker. Candidates seeking certification in Japanese, Russian and Portuguese.	OPIc, OPI, WPT	Advanced Low
Texas	Teacher Certification- LOTE (languages other than English)	Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Italian	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		Japanese and Russian		Intermediate High/Intermediate High
		Turkish		Advanced Low/Intermediate High
		Vietnamese		Advanced Mid/Advanced Low
	Teacher Certification - Bilingual	Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese	OPI, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Utah	Teacher Certification - WL	Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish	OPI	Advanced Low
	Dual Immersion	Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish	OPI	Advanced Mid
Vermont	Teacher Certification -WL	Roman alphabet based languages (other than French, German, Latin and Spanish)	OPI	Advanced Low
		Non-Roman alphabet based languages		Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Virginia	Teacher Certification -WL as an alternative to coursework to document language proficiency	All available World Languages	OPI, WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Washington	Bilingual Education Endorsement for Teacher Certification	All available World Languages	OPI, OPIc, WPT	Advanced Mid / Advanced Mid
	Designated World Language Endorsement for Teacher Certification.	Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Norwegian*, Russian, Spanish, Swedish* *For Norwegian and Swedish the WPT is not required.	OPI, OPIc, WPT*	Advanced Low / Advanced Low
Wisconsin	Designated World Language Endorsement for Teacher Certification	Chinese Mandarin, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish	OPI, OPIc, WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Wyoming	Teacher Certification -WL	All Modern Languages	OPI	Advanced Low (OPI only)