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Alaska	Highly Qualified Status (NCLB)	Chinese, Japanese and Russian	OPI & WPT	Advanced Mid/Advanced Low
Arizona	Teacher Certification	All World Languages except English, French, Mandarin, German and Spanish (ACTFL exam may be used in lieu of 24 semester hours of coursework in a World Language)	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		German and Spanish		
Arkansas	Teacher Certification - WL	Chinese Mandarin	OPI & WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Connecticut	Teacher Certification for World Languages & Bilingual Ed	Romance Languages	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Advanced Low
	Teacher Certification - WL	All Other Languages		Intermediate High
	To waive 24 semester hours credit for native/near-native speakers	All Languages		Advanced High
Delaware	Teacher Certification	WL - Roman-based alphabets	OPI & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
		WL - Non-Roman-based alphabets		Advanced Low/Intermediate High
		Bilingual - Roman-based alphabets		Advanced Mid/Advanced Mid
		Bilingual - Non-Roman-based alphabets		Advanced Mid/Advanced Low
		EL - English only		Advanced Mid/Advanced Mid



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Florida	Teacher Certification	World languages except French, German, Latin and Spanish	OPI or OPIc & 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		Intermediate High/Intermediate High
		Languages using Roman based alphabet		Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Hawaii	Teacher Certification	Languages using Non-Roman based Alphabet	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Intermediate Mid/Intermediate Mid
Maine	Teacher Certification - WL *as an alternative	World Languages	OPI & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Maryland	Teacher Certification - WL	Arabic, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
	Teacher Certification - WL as an alternative to Praxis II	Chinese, French, German, and Spanish		
Michigan	World Languages Teacher Certification	French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, and Other (FSI Categories I, II and III)	OPI or OPIc	Advanced Low
		Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Japanese, and Other (FSI Categories IV and V)		Intermediate High
	Bilingual Education Teacher Certification	All languages		Advanced Low



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New Jersey	Teacher Certification - WL	All Languages except Chinese, Japanese, Korean	OPI or OPIc	Advanced Low
		Chinese, Japanese, Korean		Intermediate High
	Teacher Certification - ESL	English	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
	Teacher Certification - Bilingual	English Target Language		Intermediate High/Advanced Low Advanced Low/Advanced Low
New York	Teacher Certification - LOTE certification (Grades 5-9 & 7-12).	Roman alphabet based languages	OPI & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
	In lieu of college study, to demonstrate language and culture content knowledge, to satisfy up to 30 content hours toward teacher certification. Add'l certification requirements apply.	Non-Roman alphabet based languages		Intermediate High/Intermediate High
North Carolina	Initial Professional License, Residency License, Added Area Certification	World Languages	OPI & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Ohio	Teacher Licensure - WL	All languages except ancient Greek, Latin & ASL	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Oklahoma	Teacher Certification for languages where there is no OK state	Any World Language without an OK state certification exam (and available as OPI and/or	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High



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Pennsylvania	Teacher Certification – WL Praxis II alternative	Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Spanish	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
	Teacher Certification	Arabic, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean,		
Rhode Island	World and Dual Language Teacher Certification	Languages other than French, German, Latin, and Spanish	OPI	Advanced Low
South Carolina	WL Teacher Certification	Candidates seeking certification in a Language for	OPIc or OPI & WPT	Advanced Low
		Candidates seeking certification in World Languages		
Texas	Teacher Certification- LOTE (languages other than English)	Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Portuguese	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		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		Advanced Mid



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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	All available World Languages	OPI & WPT	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Washington	Bilingual Education Endorsement for	All available World Languages	OPI or OPIc & WPT	Advanced Mid/Advanced Mid
	Designated World Language Endorsement for	Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish	OPI or OPIc & WPT	
		Norwegian, Swedish	OPI or OPIc	Advanced Low/Advanced Low
Wisconsin	Designated World Language	Chinese Mandarin, French, German, Hebrew, Italian,	OPI & WPT	Intermediate High/Intermediate High
Wyoming	Teacher Certification - WL	All Modern Languages	OPI	Advanced Low