Language Credentialing in the U.S.
What is a language credential?

A **license** to teach a world language in U.S. K-12 public schools
Why do teachers seek credentials?

- District, State, School Requirement
- Employment Opportunities
- Higher Salary
- Professional Recognition
CHALLENGES

language teachers face while pursuing a credential
State Credential Process

- **Complex** Vocabulary
  
  “I don’t understand all the regulations.”

- State credential **laws** change
  
  “I need to have simple [ , ] direct steps on how to apply”

- Requirements **differ** state to state
  
  “Accurate information needed.”
How do you get a credential?

1. Obtain a Bachelor’s Degree

2. Visit LangCred.org to Identify Routes & Programs

3. Fulfill Requirements & Apply to State
Bachelor's Degree

Students from:

The US: Copies of all Transcripts Req’d

Outside the U.S.: Transcript Evaluation Req’d
On LangCred.org

- Search by **State & Language**
- Create an **Account**
- Build a **Profile**
- **Match** a Route/Program to your Profile
- **Save** Routes and Programs
- **Compare** Routes and Programs
- Search for **Transcript** Evaluation Agencies
Select a state to find a Credential Route OR Teacher Preparation Program
Fulfill Requirements
Exams/Training

Content Language Proficiency i.e. ACTFL

Basic Skills (English & Math) i.e. Praxis

English Language Proficiency i.e. TOEFL

US Constitution

Mental Health

Child Abuse Detection
Coursework

Teaching English as a Second Language
Special Education
Reading
Education Technology
Student Teaching/Internship
Apply to State!