Language Credentialing Made Easy

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What is this presentation about?

Identifying Alabama requirements for Language Teacher Credentialing using LangCred.org.
What is a language credential?

US K-12 license to teach a world language.
Why do teachers *seek* credentials?

- **District, State, School Requirement**
- **Employment Opportunities**
- **Higher Salary**
- **Professional Recognition**
How do you **get** a credential?

1. **Visit** state website
2. **Complete** requirements
3. **Apply** to the state
Alabama State Department of Education

Educator Certification

State of Alabama
Department of Education
Professional Educator Certificate

Announcements
New Fingerprint Location
3M Cogent has established new fingerprint locations in Butler, Gardensdale, Linden, Madison, Prattville, Russellville, and Tuscaloosa. Additional sites will open soon.

Certificate Renewal
Out of State Certificates
Career / Technical Certificates
Alternative Certificates
AL Educator Preparation
Other Approaches

Online Fingerprinting Services
COGENT
3M

Professional Learning Units (PLUs)
Information

Office of Teaching and Leading
Certificate Search
Alabama State Department of Education

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!!!
It’s Complicated!
The 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.”
The LangCred Process

1. Academic Background
2. Teacher Preparation
3. Application
Academic Background

Bachelor’s Degree

Transcript Evaluation
Teacher Preparation

Content Language Competency

Basic Skills in English Reading, Writing and Math

Teacher Preparation Program
Content Language Competency

- Language Exams
  - Praxis II
  - ACTFL OPI, WPT
  - State Specific

- Coursework
- Major or Minor
Basic Skills in English and Math

Basic Skills Exams

Praxis Core

State Specific

Degree

BA/BS
Teacher Preparation Program

- Coursework
- Field Observation
- Pedagogy/Methods
- Student Teaching/Internship
- Exams
What is LangCred?

- An Interactive Resource **Website**
- For all U.S. K-12 world language teachers
- Displaying 250+ **Routes** and 720+ **Programs**
- To **Language Teacher Credentialing**
- In U.S. and D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands
On LangCred.org

- Search by **State** & **Language**
- Create an **Account**
- Build a **Profile**
- **Match** a Route to your Profile
- **Save** Routes
- **Compare** Routes
- Search for **Transcript** Evaluation Agencies
LangCred

- Routes
- Programs
- Community
- Resources
Select a state to find a language teaching credential
Language Routes for Alabama

- Professional Educator Certificate (State-Approved Program Approach)
- Alternative Baccalaureate-Level Certificate (ABC) Approach
- Certificate Reciprocity Approach (Out-Of-State)
- The Foreign Credentials Approach (Out-Of-Country)

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