Language Credentialing Made Easy

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What is this presentation about?

Identifying Kansas 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
Applicant requirements for an initial teaching license

- In-State Requirements
- Out-of-State Requirements
- Out-of-Country Requirements

In-State Requirements for an Initial Teaching License

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program
- Recency - means the applicant must have at least 8 credit hours or one year of accredited teaching experience completed within the last six years
- Content assessment in each of the endorsement areas you were trained to teach and wish to put on your license
- Pedagogy assessment - Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT).

I have already completed all the requirements for a license and need to apply. Where can I get an application?

Contact the Licensure Officer at your Kansas institution for the appropriate application form and to coordinate the application process.

- Licensure Officer Contact List

Out-of-state applicant requirements for an initial teaching license

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program
- Recency - means the applicant must have at least 8 credit hours or one year of accredited teaching experience completed within the last six years

AND

- Must have content and pedagogy tests - tests completed to achieve the out-of-state license may be acceptable.

OR
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/Program to your Profile
- Save Routes & Programs
- Compare Routes & Programs
- Search for Transcript Evaluation Agencies
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- Routes
- Programs
- Community
- Resources
Select a state to find a language teaching credential
Language Routes for Kansas

- Initial Teaching License
- Initial Out-of-State License
- Initial Out-of-Country License
- Restricted Teaching License Alt Pathway
- Visiting International Teachers Program (Foreign Exchange Teaching License)

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