Language Credentialing Made Easy

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What is this presentation about?

Identifying Louisiana 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
Become a Certified Teacher

Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs

What exactly is a traditional, undergraduate teacher preparation program? A traditional teacher preparation program is a four-year Bachelor of Arts or Science degree program that includes general education courses, a certification area of focus, professional education, 180 hours of field experiences, and one semester of student teaching or internship in a school. The degree program integrates content knowledge, professional knowledge, pedagogical knowledge, and technology in depth and breadth to create meaningful learning experiences for all students. Regular certification areas in a traditional teacher preparation program are Early Childhood Education (grades PK-3), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Middle School Education (grades 4-8), and Secondary Education (grades 6-12). Both middle school education and secondary education prepare teachers in the specific content disciplines they will teach. An level (K-12) traditional teacher preparation programs are available for certification in art, dance, foreign languages, health and physical education, and music. Additionally, there are special education traditional teacher preparation programs for certification in early intervention and moderate.

What are the prerequisites of a traditional teacher preparation program? Do I have to take tests?

Prerequisites of each traditional teaching preparation program offer. Since Praxis exams are required for state certification, these exams are part of the admission standards as well as the completion standards of all teacher preparation programs. Students can contact the College of Education of choice and consult with academic advisors for information regarding admission standards.

What financial resources are available to me as a participant in a traditional teacher preparation program?

Financial resources available to students in a traditional teacher preparation program vary. Students can contact the Financial Aid Office and College of Education at a higher education institution of choice. Financial aid officers and academic advisors can provide information regarding scholarships, grants, and loans for education students. You may also refer to the Federal Student Aid website for Federal Student Aid options for Teachers.

Where can I learn more about Traditional Teacher Preparation Program?

You can learn more about traditional teacher preparation programs at university websites, by contacting the College of Education for a conference or tour, and by attending College Recruitment Fairs. Contact information for all state approved teacher preparation providers is available here.

The Traditional Teacher Preparation Program sounds like the right pathway for me and I’d like to enroll.

Where is the program offered in Louisiana? Click here for a list of higher education institutions that offer Louisiana-approved undergraduate teacher preparation programs. You may view the types of programs offered at each geographical site along with contact information.
It’s Complicated!
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
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
LangCred

Routes

Programs

Community

Resources
Select a state to find a language teaching credential
Language Routes for Louisiana

- Traditional Teacher Preparation (Level I Professional Certificate)
- Out-of-State Certificate
- Foreign Credentialed Applicants
- World Language Certificate

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Language Routes for Louisiana, cont.

- Practitioner Teacher Alternative Certification Program (Practitioner License 1)
- Master’s Degree Alternative Certification Program (Practitioner License 3)
- Certification-Only Alternative Certification Program (Practitioner License 2)

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