Language Credentialing Made Easy

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Identifying North Carolina 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
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR’S LICENSURE

The Licensure Section is responsible for examining credentials and issuing professional educator’s licenses that qualify individuals to seek employment as teachers, administrators and other special-service personnel in North Carolina public schools. All professionals in North Carolina public schools are required to hold a professional educator’s license for the subject or grade level they teach or for the professional education assignment that they hold.

Whether you are looking forward to your first educator position or are re-entering education after an absence, your steps to obtaining a professional educator’s license are easy and convenient.

Depending on the time of year, the professional educator’s licensure process may be approximately six weeks. Late spring and early summer are typically when the most professional educator’s license applications are submitted.

NEW ONLINE SYSTEM

Beginning August 1, 2015 new and existing professional educators will be able to apply for and update their North Carolina license online. Instructions and more information are available within the online licensure system.

Go to the new NCOP Online Licensure System

POLICY UPDATE

Outline of changes effective July 1, 2014 and October 1, 2014

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR’S LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Standard Professional I (SPI) Professional Educator’s Licenses are intended for teachers with 0-3 years of teaching experience and are valid for three years. To be issued a SPI Professional Educator’s License, an individual must have:
  - completed a state approved teacher education program from a regionally accredited college;
  - completed another state’s approved alternative route to licensure, meet the federal requirements to be designated as “Highly Qualified,” and earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college;
  - pass the Praxis II (or another state’s approved alternative route to licensure);
  - pass the GACE (or another state’s approved alternative route to licensure).

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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
LangCred

Routes

Programs

Community

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

- Standard Professional License I
- Lateral Entry Provisional License (Alt Route)
- Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Reciprocity
- International Faculty License

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