Language Credentialing Made Easy

[Name], HADI CLASSRoad

brought to you by

STARTALK
Start Talking!
Who We Are

Mayeen Farooqui, M.A. Ed., *Project Director, LangCred*

Anthony Ortizo, *Research Associate, LangCred*

Maria Costea, *Ed. Tech. Admin. CLASSRoad*
What is this presentation about?

Identifying North Dakota 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
Licensure

Types of License

North Dakota Century Code Authority

A person must hold a valid North Dakota license issued by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board in order to be permitted or employed to teach in any public school in this state. No teacher is entitled to receive any compensation for the time the teacher teaches in a public school without a license to teach which lawfully is issued and in force in the county in which the school is taught. Prior to receiving a salary for the first month taught in a school district, a teacher must exhibit the teacher's license to the business manager of the school district (NDCC 15.1-13-18 and NDCC 15.96-12). Non-public schools must employ licensed teachers to be approved and in compliance with compulsory attendance laws.

Types of Licenses

Initial Licenses

Initial In-State License
Initial Interim Substitute License
Initial Out-of-State Reciprocal License
Alternate Access License
Initial Other State Educator License (OSEL)
(available in 2 and 5 year)
40-day Provisional License

Renewal Licenses

Two Year Renewal or Five Year Renewal
Interim Substitute License Renewal
Out-of-state Reciprocal License Renewal
Alternate Access License Renewal
Other State Educator License Renewal
Probationary License
Re-entry License
30 Year Life License

License Descriptions

Initial In-State License (Two-Year): Issued to first-time applicants who have met all of the ND requirements for licensure.

Two Year Renewal (Two-Year): Issued to applicants with less than eighteen months of successful contracted teaching in North Dakota, those who have completed all requirements of a Probationary License, or those who have met all the requirements of an Interim Reciprocal License.

First Five Year License (Five-Year): Issued to individuals who have met all of the requirements for a ND Educator's Professional License and have successfully taught 10 months (full-time equivalent) in the state of North Dakota.

Five Year Renewal License (Five-Year): Issued to individuals holding a 5 year license - must be under contract at least thirty days of the five-year period and complete six semester hours of re-education to renew the 5 year license.

Alternate Access License (One-Year): Issued in a documented shortage area. This license is for those who do not have a teaching degree but do have a bachelor’s degree in a content area where the vacancy exists in the school. It is expected that the applicant will work with a university to complete their education coursework over the next 3 years (if needed). The license must be requested in writing by the local school administrator indicating the unsuccessful search for a qualified applicant and the desire for this license to be issued. Requirements include the completed online application, a bachelor's degree in the content area to be taught (official transcripts), and a plan of study from the college of education where the applicant will complete 1/3 of the program of study each year toward the teaching degree. This license can be issued a year at a time for a maximum of 3 years.

Interim Substitute License (One-Year): Issued to individuals with a minimum of 48 semester hours of college coursework. License must be requested in writing by a local school administrator.

Out-of-State Reciprocal License (Two-Years): Issued to individuals who graduated from an out-of-state university but do not hold a teaching license in another state. A transcript analysis is completed and a plan of study is developed for each individual indicating the coursework and testing needed. This license can be issued twice, so the educator has a total of four years to complete all requirements.

Other State Educator License (OSEL). A two or five year license issued to those applicants who hold and submit a valid teaching license received from an approved regular teacher education program from another state if the applicant has not tested in the sending state.
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 Dakota

- Initial License
- Out-of-State Reciprocal License
- Alternate Access License
- Out-of-State Educators License

According to LangCred 2016
Any questions?
Visit langcred.org today!

@langcred

facebook.com/LangCred