Language Credentialing Made Easy

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What is this presentation about?

Identifying South 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
Certification Process

Frequently Asked Questions

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Certification Processing Time is Around 10 Weeks

**Summer Processing Time May Exceed 10 Weeks**

- **Apply Early** - 2016 renewal applications can be submitted after January 1.
- **Pending Processing** - If your application status indicates "Pending processing by a SD Department of Education Certification Officer" this means all documents have been received and the application is ready to be processed.
- **July 1 expiration** - If all documents have been received by July 1, certificates will not be considered lapsed.

CHECK STATUS

If you are applying for a South Dakota Teaching certificate, you will need to complete one of the following applications:

**Initial Certification**

Educators who have never held a South Dakota teaching certificate must complete the online initial application. *(Paper application also available.)*

Initial certification requires verification from an accredited university that the candidate has completed an approved education program.

INITIAL ONLINE APPLICATION
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

Student Teaching/Internship

Pedagogy/Methods

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 South Dakota

- Initial Certification
- Alternative Certification
- Lakota Dakota Nakota Certificate

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