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Office of Educator Preparation

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement

“Teacher preparation programs at the pre-service level shall require that teacher candidates demonstrate listening and speaking skills at the novice-high level, as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, for a language other than English, including American Sign Language. The assessment for such competency may occur at any point in the teacher candidate’s program and does not require specified coursework or credit hours except as may be required by the institution.” Oklahoma Higher Education Policies-Academics, Sect. 3.21.4, Degree Requirements and Guidelines for Articulation of Educator Preparation Programs.

“The unit has a policy in place that ensures that educator preparation candidates demonstrate conversational skills at a novice high level, as defined by the American Council on the Teacher of Foreign Languages, in a language other than English. Demonstration of competency must occur prior to candidate completion of the educator preparation program.” OEQA – Oklahoma State Requirements 2016 (*Revised 2021)

All education majors (teacher candidates) at Southern Nazarene University are **required** to meet Foreign Language Proficiency requirements before being able to apply for their Oklahoma certification. **It is the teacher candidate’s responsibility to make sure that this proficiency is met.**

Choose **ONE** of the following 7 options:

- 1) 2 years (4 semesters) of a high school foreign language (same language) with a ‘B’ average for all coursework **(Must appear and be verified on high school transcript, NOTE: all candidates must provide a high school transcript before admission to the EPP program)**
- 2) One 5-hour Elementary-level college foreign language course with a grade of ‘C’ or better (Credit must appear on a college transcript)
- 3) One 3-hour 2nd Level Elementary college foreign language course with a grade of ‘C’ or better (i.e. Elem. Spanish II, Elem. French II, etc.) (Credit must appear on a college transcript)
- 4) CLEP credit – Pass the CLEP test in a foreign language to demonstrate competency.
- 5) Foreign Language Proficiency Test (ACTFL-OPI/Oral Proficiency Interview – must achieve *novice-high* proficiency level on test)
- 6) One 3-hour (minimum) college course in *American Sign Language* (Credit must appear on a college transcript) with a grade of ‘C’ or better

***7) One 3-hour (minimum) college course in teaching methods for Emergent Bilingual/English Language Learners (Credit must appear on a college transcript) with a grade of ‘C’ or better**

Student Candidate Signature

Print Name

Date Signed