
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
SPANISH, P-12
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
FOR CERTIFICATION-ONLY NON-DEGREE GRADUATE STUDENTS

This program is designed for candidates who wish to obtain the initial clear renewable Georgia Teacher Certificate (T-4) in Spanish. It is not a degree program. The candidate who completes the requirements for the T-4 Certificate in Spanish will be eligible to teach Spanish at the pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade level of instruction.

Requirements for Admission into the Teacher Education / Certification Program	
	The candidate must have completed a baccalaureate degree.
	The candidate must meet the following criteria for admission to the Teacher Education Program of the College of Education at Valdosta State University. All requirements must be completed before the second semester of enrollment.
	Overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a scale of 4.0.
	GACE I Exam - Passed or Exempted Minimum exemption criteria are the following scores: SAT (V – 480, M – 520), ACT (E – 21, M – 22), or GRE (V – 490, Q – 540)
	Criminal background check submitted
	Proof of liability insurance
	FLED 2999 Entry to the Education Profession completed

Upon admission to the Certification Program in Spanish, a candidate’s previous completed course work will be evaluated in comparison with the stated requirements of the program. Professional development activities, relevant work experience, or similar courses may satisfy some of the requirements. The review will be based on documentation, such as college transcripts, certificates and/or other proof of professional development or work experiences, which the candidate will provide.

Based on the results of the review, an individualized program of study leading to the T-4 certificate will be developed. The plan is valid for three years, and the writer of the certification plan will be the candidate’s advisor until the completion of the program. The candidate and the advisor will work together to provide a schedule for the completion of all requirements.

The GACE II Examination in Spanish must be passed in order to receive the T-4 Certificate. Two sections of the examination are required: Test I (Test Code 141) and Test II (Test Code 142). The examination should be taken prior to or during the student teaching placement. Registration materials and information about the GACE II examination are available in the Office of the Dean of the College of Education or on the web site of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission: <http://www.gapsc.com>.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME _____ STUDENT NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Course Number / Title	¹ Pre-requisite or Co-requisite	Hours	Schedule	Equivalent/Substitution/Waiver (Hours)	Satisfied (Grade)
Entry to the Program					
FLED 2999 Entry to the Education Profession		00	Every Semester		
Introductory Education Courses					
EDUC 2110 Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education		03			
EDUC 2120 Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity		03			
EDUC 2130 Exploring Learning and Teaching		03			
Serving the Diverse Needs of the Learner					
SPEC 3000 Serving Students with Diverse Needs		03	Every Semester		
Technology as a Tool for Instruction					
SEED 4010 Integrating Technology in Secondary Education		01	Fall, Spring		
Methodology for Second Language Instruction					
FLED 3500 Foreign Language in the Elementary School	FLED 2999	02	Spring		
FLED 3510 Elementary Classroom Laboratory	FLED 2999	01	Spring		
FLED 4500 Curriculum and Methods of Foreign Languages	FLED 2999 Senior Standing	02	Fall		
FLED 4510 Classroom Laboratory	FLED 2999 Senior Standing	01	Fall		
Student Teaching					
FLED 4790 Student Teaching	Senior Standing	10	Fall, Spring		
FLED 4800 Professional Development Seminar	Senior Standing	02	Fall, Spring		
(or) Internship in Foreign Language Education I and II					
<p>FLED 4780 Internship in Foreign Language Education I and II may be substituted for FLED 4790/4800 under these circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate must hold a provisional teaching certificate in Spanish 2. Candidate must be employed in a full-time teaching position in Spanish <p>Credit for FLED 4780 is 06 hours per semester and must be taken for two semesters to substitute for FLED 4790/4800</p>					
ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview					
<p>FLED interns must take ACTFL’s oral proficiency interview and earn a minimum score of Advanced Low prior to completion of the certification requirements. The OPI may be taken at VSU with a certified OPI tester and sent to ACTFL for an institutional upgrade. Students may take the OPI up to three times prior to the completion of their certification requirements.</p>					

¹Pre-requisite may be waived with consent of instructor

Recommendations

Signed _____

Date of Evaluation _____