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Office of Teacher Education

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement

“Teacher preparation programs at the preservice 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 course work 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 Teacher Education Programs.

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 1 of the following 5 options:

- 1) 2 years (4 semesters) of a high school foreign language (same language) with a ‘B’ average for all coursework **(Must be verified on high school transcript)**
- 2) 2nd Elementary-level college foreign language course with a grade of ‘C’ or better (SNU’s Elementary Spanish II course recommended - special section for teachers.)
- 3) 6 hours CLEP credit
- 4) Foreign Language Proficiency Test (ACTFL-OPI/Oral Proficiency Interview) 5) OSU-OKC course – American Sign Language I (ITP 1364)
NOTE: ITP 1364 is a 4-hour course offered *ONLY* at OSU-OKC. This is the *ONLY* approved sign language course that will meet the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement at SNU (Please see back of this sheet for course description).

I have read and understand the SNU Foreign Language Proficiency policy. I also understand that Foreign Language Proficiency is **REQUIRED** for Oklahoma Teacher Certification.

Student (Teacher Candidate) Signature

Date

Print Name

NOTE: This memo will be submitted to your SNU Teacher Candidate file.

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ITP 1364 American Sign Language I - (Course description from OSU-OKC catalog)

An introductory course in American Sign Language (ASL) designed to develop receptive and expressive language skills. Emphasis will be on natural language production and appropriate cultural interactions. Students will learn basic language structures; acquire a working vocabulary and knowledge of sentences and appropriate non-manual behaviors in ASL. Lab: two hours per week. Prerequisite: ITP 1212 or concurrent enrollment.

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