

FAQ Summer Endorsement in World Language

What are program eligibility requirements?

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and current Washington State certification.

When/Where are courses offered?

All coursework is held online at a set time each day. Students will not be required to attend PLU facilities, unless desired or meeting with faculty. The schedule has been developed to allow working professionals to maintain employment while pursuing additional credentials. Pacific Lutheran University has partnered with Blackboard Illuminate as our online platform.

Is a program schedule available?

The final schedule is anticipated by April, but a tentative schedule is available by clicking below:

[ELL Summer Program](#) - view only EDUC 950 & 951 for required World Language Endorsement Courses

When must I submit my program application?

Priority consideration is given to candidates who apply before April 1; however, applications will be accepted until May 1st. After May 1st, candidates will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

What is the successful application process?

Step 1: Complete the online [Application Form](#)

Step 2: Mail the accompanying [paper application materials](#) to PLU

Step 3: Complete phone interview

Step 4: Offer of admission

Step 5: Register for classes

Step 6: Attend program orientation. *Orientation date pending.*

When will I know if I have been accepted into the program?

Upon receiving your online application you will receive a confirmation email from PLU's Professional Development Office. Once your accompanying paper application materials arrive, you will then receive a second confirmation email. Upon successful program eligibility, you will then be contacted for a phone interview. Finally, after the phone interview, an admissions decision will be communicated via e-mail.

When do I register for coursework?

Candidates may register for coursework after admission has been granted. Summer registration occurs as early as mid-April through the start of the term.

When and where does fieldwork occur?

For **World Language** candidates, individual placements will be secured the following fall term through the PLU field office. Candidates will be required to identify a possible host classroom, complete a student teaching application upon program admission, and spend one full month in fieldwork to complete program requirements.



What is a Pedagogy Assessment?

The Pedagogy Assessment is the final evaluation rubric to successfully complete fieldwork. Candidates will become familiar with the Pedagogy Assessment during field experience under the guidance of their assigned PLU field supervisor.

When does the Pedagogy Assessment occur?

The Pedagogy assessment requires a minimum of two observations by a university Field Supervisor. These two observations occur near the end of the field experience.

What is the West-E?

The West-E is Washington’s educator skill assessment, required in the process to add an endorsement. The assessment is based on Washington state endorsement competencies and must be passed before earning the endorsement. Many resources are available online for candidates including a free practice test and a video on how to prepare.

What is the ACTFL?

The ACTFL is an oral and written language proficiency assessment. Designated PLU Faculty are able to administer this assessment to candidates seeking assistance, please contact our office for a referral. For more information on ACTFL: <http://www.actfl.org/professional-development/certified-proficiency-testing-program>

When must I complete the West-E to earn the endorsement?

Candidates are encouraged to begin reviewing test materials and registration dates as early as possible on the WEST website. In order to complete program requirements, candidates MUST successfully pass the West-E subject test prior to be recommended for licensure at the end of their program. Candidates are strongly encouraged to begin looking at West-E tests dates now.

How much does the program cost?

Pre-Program Costs

- Completion of the West-E in Designated World Language.....\$125
- Completion of the ACTFL (oral interview, \$140 and written test \$70).....\$210

Program Costs

- Program Application Fee.....\$40
- EDUC 950 (2 credits).....\$500
- EDUC 951 (4 credits).....\$1,000
- EDUC 905 (5 credits).....\$1,250

TOTAL COST.....\$2,790

How am I billed?

Unfortunately, financial aid is not available for this program, as adding an endorsement is not considered a degree. Student may utilize a variety of payment options including in -person, mail, phone, online, or wire.