Frequently Asked Question

Summer Endorsement in World Language

**What Languages are available through Pacific Lutheran University?**

Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.

**When/Where are courses offered?**

All coursework is held online at a time to be determined by the professor. Generally, the class will meet in the late afternoon to early evening. Students will not be required to attend PLU facilities unless they are meeting with faculty. Students are, of course, welcome on campus if they would like to come. 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.

**Who can I expect to be in the courses alongside me?**

World Language Endorsement courses are filled with students from a multitude of degree backgrounds. Students will be working towards or will have completed their Bachelors of Arts in Education, or their Masters of Arts in Education degree at the start of the endorsement program. Some students are also simply adding the endorsement to their existing teaching certificate.

**Is a program schedule available?**

Yes, the tentative schedule is available on the endorsement webpage.

**When must I submit my program application?**

Priority consideration is given to candidates who apply before March 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](https://forms.plu.edu/126)

**Step 2:** Mail the accompanying paper application materials to PLU

**Step 3:** Complete a phone interview in March (please call our office to sign up for a time)

**Step 4:** Offer of admission

**Step 5**: Register for classes

**Step 6:** Attend program orientation on Thursday, May 5

**Step 7:** Begin coursework on Monday, May 9

**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. When it is determined that you are eligible for the program, you will 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?**

Once you are admitted to the program, we will email you a program registration form and you will be officially registered for the course.

**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](http://program.pesb.wa.gov/endorsements/list) 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 a two part assessment, encompassing both an oral and written language proficiency. 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>

**What score must I obtain on my ACTFL?**

Candidates must score a minimum of advanced-low on both the oral and written proficiency exams.

**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](http://www.west.nesinc.com/). 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…………….………….$135

Completion of the ACTFL (oral interview, $140 and written test $70)………$210

Program Application Fee…………………............................................................$40

**Program Costs**

EDUC 950 (2 credits)………………………..$500

EDUC 951 (4 credits)………………………$1,000

EDUC 905 (5 credits)………………………$1,200

**TOTAL COST………………………………...$3,085**

**How am I billed?**

Unfortunately, financial aid is not available for this program, as adding an endorsement is not considered a degree. Students may utilize a variety of payment options including in–person, mail, phone, online, or wire. Once students are registered, they will receive a bill at the beginning of the following month and are given 60 days to make payment.

**Summer 2016 Courses**

EDUC 950 Acquisitions: Language Development

EDUC 951 Methods and Leadership: Differentiating Instruction

**Fall 2016 Course**

EDUC 905 is completed in a cooperating classroom during the academic year.