Procedures for taking the Advanced Level Check/OPI

Italian

All undergraduates pursuing teacher licensure in Italian are required to take the Advanced Level Check assessment and score a minimum of “Advanced Low”. This score must be reached before the candidate can begin student teaching. Because there is a 90 day period of time before a candidate may take the test for a 2nd time, we recommend that you register for this exam well in advance of student teaching. For a description of the varying proficiency levels, included a description of “Advanced Low” (See page 6), please visit


The Advanced Level Check assesses language proficiency in terms of the candidate’s ability to use the language effectively and appropriately in real-life situations. It is not concerned with, nor does it address, when, where, why, or the way in which a speaker has acquired his/her language skills. The interview is conducted by an ACTFL Certified OPI Tester, who compares the candidate’s performance during the interview to the rating criteria of the Advanced-Low level of proficiency as described in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines – Speaking 2012. The test is a 10-20 minute live, telephonic interview between an ACTFL Certified Tester and a candidate, which is digitally recorded. Test content is adapted to the candidate’s professional and academic experiences, as well as any special skills or interests (following guidelines set forth by the EEOC and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act). Clients may request specific content to be included (or not) in the test. An Advanced level role play is also included and may be customized to simulate a typical, job-related situation. For more information, please visit

http://www.languagetesting.com/level-check

The proctor for your test will be Dr. Sarah Cohen (scohen12@luc.edu). To sign up to take this test, please contact her through email and provide the following information:

1. Your full name
2. Your email address
3. Whether or not you have taken this test in the past