Procedures for taking the Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc)

Spanish and French

All undergraduates pursuing teacher licensure in French or Spanish are required to take the Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc) 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 OPIc is a 15-40min. semi-direct test of spoken proficiency designed to elicit a sample of speech via recorded, computer-adapted voice prompts delivered over the internet or over the telephone. Completed tests are digitally saved and rated by ACTFL Certified Raters. In the computer version, each test is individualized through the selection of tasks within topic areas tailored to the test taker's linguistic ability, work experiences, academic background and interests. In the telephone version, most tests are delivered as fixed-form tests. The candidate is assessed on his/her ability to speak the standard form of the target language without using another language or slang. The candidate’s overall ability to communicate orally in the target language is the only skill being assessed and not the content of his/her answers, responses or opinions. A full description, and manual, can be found here: http://www.languagetesting.com/oral-proficiency-interview-by-computer-opic

The proctor for your test will be Dr. Sarah Cohen (scoh12@luc.edu). To sign up to take this test, please contact her through email and provide the following information:

1. Your full name
2. The language in which you will take the test
3. Your email address
4. Whether or not you have already taken the test
5. Days and times that you would be available to take the exam on Water Tower Campus