

Resources for Aspiring & Early Career World Language Teachers

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Resources to Promote Teaching Languages as a Career with Students

- Engage students through the [PSMLA Global Scholars Program](#).
- Promote and honor language proficiency with the [PA Seal of Biliteracy](#).
- Nominate students for [PSMLA awards](#).
- Incorporate ready-to-use modules on language teaching from [ACTFL's Educators Rising](#).
- Review a list of [PA institutions of higher education](#) offering world language teacher certification.
- Encourage participation in co-curricular activities such as language clubs, honor societies, national language exams, guest presentations, community engagement, cultural field trips, travel abroad, and exchange programs. Examples of such activities can be found in [PSMLA's World Language Resource Hub](#) and the [PSMLA Exemplary Program \(PEP\) Showcase](#).

Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

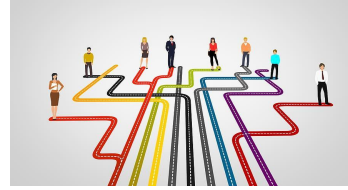
- Join PSMLA at a discounted [student member](#) rate.
- Attend PSMLA professional learning events.
- Submit a proposal to present a research project at a PSMLA conference.
- Apply for the [PA Student Teacher Support Program](#) through PHEAA.
- Explore opportunities for scholarships and study abroad in [PSMLA's World Language Resource Hub](#).



Opportunities for Early Career Educators

- Join PSMLA at a discounted [new to the profession](#) rate.
- Attend PSMLA professional learning events.
- Seek funding for PSMLA conference attendance from the [Nancy Zimmerman PSMLA Scholarship for Beginning Teachers](#).
- Apply for the [PSMLA Xperitas Language Matters Grant](#) to fund classroom needs.
- Seek the support of an experienced educator through the [PSMLA Peer Mentoring Program](#).
- Read about innovative programs and emerging issues in world language education in the [Pennsylvania Language Forum](#).
- Nominate yourself or a colleague to be the Early Career Educator Representative on the PSMLA Executive Council.
- Explore opportunities for scholarships and study abroad in [PSMLA's World Language Resource Hub](#)

Career Changers



Pennsylvania's Instructional Experience-Based Certification is a professional certificate that entitles the holder to fill a full-time professional teaching position. The Instructional Experience-Based Certification program is an alternate route to certification through an approved Pennsylvania program provider. This allows a college graduate able to pass the content test in the area of certification to enroll in a university preparation program and be hired into a paid teaching position. There are additional requirements. See PDE's [Instructional Experience-Based Certification](#) page for more information and the list of participating universities.

Add-ons

Pennsylvania educators who hold any Instructional or Experience-Based certificate may add any world language certificate—except ASL—by testing alone with no additional coursework required. For example, a certified Social Studies teacher can add a French certificate by passing the appropriate certification test in French. It is not necessary to complete a practicum or additional coursework.

