

## Pathways to Certification in Georgia for Potential World Language Educators

### Guidance at a Glance

**If you hold a Georgia level 4 or higher renewable professional teaching certificate:**

You may add the field of (any language) to your existing certificate by passing the GaPSC-approved [content assessment](#)

**If you hold a Georgia level 4 or higher Induction teaching certificate:**

Your employing Georgia school or school system may request a Supplemental Induction certificate for you if you have passed the GaPSC-approved [content assessment](#) in the target language.

**If you have never been professionally certified in GA but you hold a professional teaching certificate in another state in the target language or a comparable field:**

You may apply for initial Georgia certification through interstate reciprocity. If you have not passed an acceptable content assessment in this field, you may be required to pass the GaPSC-approved content assessment. Please submit your [application materials](#) in order to determine which additional requirements, if any, you will be required to fulfill to obtain Georgia certification in this field.

**If you do not hold a professional teaching certificate in any state:**

There are three ways you may obtain initial certification in the target language:

1. You may complete a state-approved educator preparation program, including a student teaching internship, and all [Special Georgia Requirements](#). You may choose to complete a program in Georgia or another state. For more information about initial certification programs, please click [here](#).
2. You may be able to qualify for an [Induction Pathway 4](#) certificate before you have completed an approved program. This certificate is considered non-professional and is only valid for 3 years. Because this certificate can only be issued at the request of an employing Georgia school or school system, you must be hired to teach in this field in order to qualify for an Induction Pathway 4 certificate. In addition, you must meet the following requirements:
  - Hold a bachelor's degree or higher. If your highest degree is a bachelor's degree and it was earned less than 10 years prior to the date of application, you must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. If you do not, you may still qualify by submitting proof of acceptance into a GaPSC-accepted educator preparation program or an accredited advanced degree program.
  - Pass or exempt the [GACE Program Admission Assessment](#).
  - Pass the appropriate GaPSC-approved [content assessment](#)
  - Complete the [GACE Educator Ethics – Program Entry Assessment](#).

3. You may be able to qualify for a [Permit](#). The requirements for an initial Permit are as follows:

- A bachelor's degree or higher.
- English proficiency.
- Passing score on the appropriate [content assessment](#)
  - In fields for which both a GACE assessment and an ACTFL assessment are available, either is acceptable for issuance of a permit.

If you meet these requirements, you may seek employment as a world language educator in a Georgia school. Once you are hired, your school may request the Permit on your behalf. You will have to fulfill other requirements to renew the initial Permit. These requirements will be outlined when your certificate is issued.