“Teacher preparation programs at the preservice level shall require that teacher candidates demonstrate listening and speaking skills at the novice-high level, as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, for a language other than English, including American Sign Language. The assessment for such competency may occur at any point in the teacher candidate’s program and does not require specified course work or credit hours except as may be required by the institution.” Oklahoma Higher Education Policies-Academics, Sect. 3.21.4, Degree Requirements and Guidelines for Articulation of Teacher Education Programs.

All education majors (teacher candidates) at Southern Nazarene University are required to meet Foreign Language Proficiency requirements before being able to apply for their Oklahoma certification. It is the teacher candidate’s responsibility to make sure that this proficiency is met.

Choose 1 of the following 5 options:
1) 2 years (4 semesters) of a high school foreign language (same language) with a ‘B’ average for all coursework (Must be verified on high school transcript)
2) 2nd Elementary-level college foreign language course with a grade of ‘C’ or better.
3) 6 hours CLEP credit – Pass the CLEP test in a foreign language to demonstrate competency.
4) Course in American Sign Language (NOTE: Must be college course and appear on a transcript as a credit course) with a grade of ‘C’ or better. Recommend: OSU-OKC
5) Transfer College Course Work – Complete a 2nd level foreign language course at another accredited institution and submit a transcript indicating a grade of ‘C’ or better along with a course syllabus/description of the particular course.

I have read and understand the SNU Foreign Language Proficiency policy. I also understand that Foreign Language Proficiency is REQUIRED for Oklahoma Teacher Certification.

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Student (Teacher Candidate) Signature                  Date

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Print Name

NOTE: This memo will be submitted to your SNU Teacher Candidate file.