Procedures for taking the Advanced Level Check

Candidates who wish to enter the M.Ed. teacher preparation program to become an Italian teacher must 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. You may read a description of the varying proficiency levels. (A description of “Advanced Low” is on page 6.)

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. More information

1. To register for the Advanced Level Check, sign up for an account with Language Testing International.

2. Once you create an account, to continue the process please click this link (link currently not available from the Language Testing International web page). You will arrive to a page that states, “NCATE Applicants Only”.

3. Click ‘continue’ through the following pages until you arrive at the ‘Test Options’ page. On this page, you will select ‘Advanced Level Check – Speaking’. This will take you to a page where you can register for the exam. You will need to find a proctor for your test. This webpage will explain who can serve as a proctor.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kristin Davin at kdavin@luc.edu