

**ASSESSMENT AND STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTION:
A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
FOR P-12 WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN KENTUCKY**

**Organizer: Department of Modern Languages, Western Kentucky University
Time frame: April 2006-June 2007**

**Funded through the Improving Educator Quality Grant Program,
Council on Post-secondary Education**

A year-long program in professional development for P-12 Kentucky World Languages teachers begins this spring through the Department of Modern Languages at Western Kentucky University. The program is funded through the Improving Educator Quality grant program of the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Applications are sought from emergency certified teachers and those with alternate certification, as well as recently-certified teachers and those with little or no direct experience with cultures of the languages they teach. The purpose of the program is for participants to refine language abilities, gain a deeper cultural knowledge, and work with teacher mentors and partners to develop a standards-based, content-related unit of study.

Program components and requirements for participants:

- Oral proficiency phone interviews in spring and fall 2006 with certified ACTFL tester
- Administration of WebCAPE or STAMP assessment in selected language classes spring of 2006 and 2007
- Attendance at a Saturday workshop at WKU on standards-based units of study and the LinguaFolio Kentucky! assessment tool, April 22, 2006
- Participation in a two-week immersion program in summer 2006 at one of the following locations:
 - Mexico in June or July (location and dates to be determined, 10 spaces)
 - Mexico in July (Oaxaca, tentative dates July 9-25, 2006, 10 spaces)
 - France in June (Dijon, dates June 2-14, 2006; spaces for 3 teacher-administrator pairs, additional advance training 2-3 days in late spring)
 - Germany (Berlin/Dresden, tentatively late June / early July, 4 spaces)
- Reimbursement for up to \$125 of teaching materials purchased while abroad
- Development of standards-based units of instruction
- Implementation of LinguaFolio Kentucky! for self-assessment and student assessment
- Participation in online / phone or webcasting communication during the project period
- Mentoring by “mentor teachers” throughout grant period
- Attendance at October 2006 Kentucky World Language Association meeting in Louisville and presentation of units of instruction
- Attendance at spring 2007 workshop at WKU and presentation of standards-based units of instruction developed during project
- Presentations in home school district and to regional world language colleagues on the project content and goals
- Participants are strongly encouraged to invite a legislator or school board member to their classes at some point to help communicate to them what students are learning

Optional components:

- Enrollment in summer 2006 seminars for undergraduate or graduate credit (tuition fee of \$150 required for academic credit)
- Collaborative presentation on professional development program and projects at March 2007 CPE conference (travel and registration paid)

Program costs: The program pays for travel pays for costs associated with study abroad up to established reasonable limits that are expected to cover most or all costs. Travel and one overnight (if requested) is paid for the required workshops in spring of 2006 and 2007 based on a shared room; conference fees and accommodations at the KWLA 2006 in Louisville are paid (also shared). Participants pay a one-time fee of \$300 towards program costs. The fee is payable at the time of application and refunded if the application is not accepted.

Application call and forms are at: <http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/ieq/index.html>

Applications are to be postmarked by March 6, 2006. A complete application includes:

1. The attached application form and a short essay
2. Two self-assessment documents from Linguafolio! Kentucky (1 page each):
Find both at <http://oapd.kde.state.ky.us/lf/default.htm>
 - a. "History of Language Learning and Intercultural Experiences" (under Biography, Templates; include teacher certification information on this form)
 - b. "Self-Assessment Grid" (under Passport, Download your Passport, p. 4) with your ability level circled in each category
3. Supervisor Recommendation Form (at ML URL, confidential, mailed by that person)
4. A check for \$300 that goes towards program costs, made out to Western Kentucky University (refunded if you are not accepted into the program). Other summer travel expenses, program fees as well as travel to workshops in April 2006 and 2007, and the KWLA in 2006 are generally covered by the program. Optional tuition fee for 3 hours WKU undergraduate or graduate credit costs \$150.

Application due by March 6 to:

Modern Languages
2006 IEQ Application
Department of Modern Languages
Western Kentucky University
1906 College Heights Blvd., #31029
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1029

Questions may be addressed to 2006 Laura McGee, IEQ Grant Director, at 270-745-6408 or laura.mcgee@wku.edu. Please help us bring this opportunity to the attention of other teachers who might benefit particularly from this program.

Call rev. - Feb. 28, 2006 "general program info"

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1. Personal information

Name _____ Date _____

Home mailing address _____
Street City Zip code

Home telephone _____ School telephone _____

School _____ Language(s) taught _____

Address _____

2. Professional information

Type of certification and date:

Years of experience teaching language and at what level(s):

3. Program dates for which you are applying

4. Essay: Please write and attach a paragraph of 100-150 words *in the language you teach*, describing why you want to take part in this program and how it would benefit you.

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