

OFLA Annual Report
Martha E. Castañeda – Chair
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During the 2012-2013 year, this committee has been working diligently due to changes in the way we assess teacher preparation in the state of Ohio and in the nation. The Chair of the Teacher Education and Licensing Committee (TEaLC) has attended several conference and training sessions dedicated specifically to the way we evaluate teacher candidates as well as new teachers during their inductive years. Moreover, the Chair of the TEaLC obtained a grant for Exemplary Teachers “Visit” the Methods Classroom. The above accomplishments will be discussed in detail below.

At the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the TEaLC Chair attended the ACTFL/NCATE session lead by Dr. Eileen Glisan. The new ACTFL/NCATE Standards that will be rereleased and go into effect November 13th were previewed. Concerns regarding the high language proficiency requirement were voiced at the meeting. The new Standards were updated to align to InTASC and NBPT’s World Language Standards. For the InTASC alignment, the new Standards will follow four principles, namely, the learner and learning, content, instructional practice, and professional responsibility.

In Ohio, the TEaLC Chair attended the edTPA training. In order to obtain a teaching license, teacher candidates must complete and pass the edTPA assessment during their student teaching. The edTPA is comprised of three tasks: planning for instruction and assessment, instructing and engaging students in learning, and assessing student learning. Teacher candidates will submit lesson plans, videos, and assessments along with the required artifacts and commentary.

Finally, the TEaLC Chair obtained a small grant for exemplary language teachers to ‘visit’ the methods classroom via an edited video. The video will help students/teacher candidates connect theory learned in the methods class to best practices in your classrooms. You are receiving this email because you were recommended for your wonderful work in Foreign Language Education. As a leader in Foreign Language Education in the state of Ohio, I would like you to participate and share your knowledge with pre-service teachers. Several of the TEaLC committee members will create videos for this project.

The information gleaned at conferences, trainings, and general participation in the profession along with the videos archive plan will be shared with TEaLC members and others interested in the topics at the CSCTFL/OFLA 2013 session titled: Working Session OFLA Teacher Education Licensure & College Committee. At this annual meeting, OFLA’s Teacher Education Licensure and College Committee’s annual will have an open discussion. Topics such as effective materials,

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techniques and methods, the OPI & WPT testing situation, student-teaching experiences, teaching abroad and other issues members wish to raise will be discussed. Moreover, at this session we will discuss current accomplishments and select future goals and directions.

Respectfully submitted,

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