



Get the Facts

Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

The Requirement:

If you are pursuing a major in the teaching of foreign language you will be required to take the Oral Proficiency Interview prior to student teaching. You must achieve a rating of at least “intermediate high” on the test. The OPI is a standardized procedure for global assessment of speaking ability in the target language.

Note: This requirement does NOT apply to students in Elementary Education or Early Childhood education who have a concentration in a modern language.

The interview will last between 20-40 minutes. The interviewer will ask you questions. The interview is interactive and the questions are continuously adapt to the interests and abilities of the speaker.

How to Schedule the Test:

If you are a language teaching student, you will need to take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) administered by Language Testing International (LTI). You will take the OPI test via phone and will need a proctor (see step 3 below).

Once you are ready to sign up for the exam, you will have to follow four steps:

- 1. Print the registration form.** Go to: <http://education.depaul.edu/StudentResources/Docs/Forms/OPIRegistrationform.pdf>. You **MUST USE THIS FORM** (says DePaul University at the top). This form must be printed, signed, and faxed or mailed in (cannot be completed online).
- 2. Complete Your Portion of the Form.** On page 1 be sure to indicate the name of the person at DePaul who will proctor your test and also provide dates when you and the proctor are available for the test. Make sure that Central time zone is selected because your tester will be calling from New York. Payment instructions are on page 2. Read and sign the waiver on page 3.
- 3. Contact Your Proctor.** Dr. Mark Johnston of the Modern Languages Department will act as your proctor. Contact Dr. Johnston to find the times that work best for both of you before scheduling the test. His phone is 773-325-1879; email is mjohnst4@depaul.edu. Ask your proctor to complete the agreement on page four.
- 4. Fax or Mail the Completed Form** to the LTI Testing Office. For the address/fax number see Page 1 of the registration form. Please allow three weeks for the scheduling process. On the day of the exam, you will go to McGaw Hall 315-2 (802 W. Belden), present your photo ID and will be asked to leave all personal belongings outside the testing room.

For additional information on the OPI and what skills you need to be considered “intermediate-high”, consult the College of Education website at: www.education.depaul.edu/StudentResources/OralProficiencyExam/index.asp

