

## UTAH PORTUGUESE DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION (DLI) TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Teachers must have legal authorization to work in the United States.** At this time, none of our school districts are offering H1B work visas to new teachers. Teacher candidates must be permanent residents or citizens. Individuals graduating from an American university with a one-year OPT (Optional Practical Training) may be permitted to teach for one year.
- 2. Teachers must have a bachelor's degree with a current K–12 teaching license.** The teaching license may be an elementary or secondary license.
  - If the degree was awarded outside of the United States, teachers should go to <https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earning> and look for International License – Application Process. **Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Utah State Office of Education.**
    - At this time, Portuguese Dual Language Immersion programs do not accept candidates wishing to complete an Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL).
- 3. Teachers must demonstrate proficiency in the Portuguese language by completing the following two (2) requirements:**
  - **Earn a minimum score of Advanced-Mid on the ACTFL OPI** (Oral Proficiency Interview). This requirement is written into state board rule and is non-negotiable. The OPI is administered in two ways:
    - **National OPI test** administered by Language Testing International (<http://www.languagetesting.com/>) (\$135 - \$260), which will be valid for licensure in most states.
    - **State proficiency test** administered by Utah Foreign Language Association <https://organizations.weber.edu/ufla/ProficiencyTesting/UFLAPT.html>) (\$75), which will be recognized in the state of Utah.
  - **Show proficiency in reading and writing with ONE of the following:**
    - Bachelor's degree from a university in a Portuguese-speaking country
    - Minimum score of 80% on the FLATS test offered at BYU (<http://flats.byu.edu>)
    - Minimum score of "Intermediário Superior" on the Celpe-Bras test available at UVU
- 4. Upon the completion of the previous requirements, teachers should apply for the following two endorsements:**
  - **World Language Endorsement**  
<https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/worldlanguages>
  - **Dual Language Immersion Endorsement**  
<https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/dualimmersion>

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