ACTFL Language Proficiency Assessments

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is an official testing site for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) speaking and writing proficiency tests. Students who have taken an ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) or Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) through Language Testing International (LTI), received a proficiency rating by LTI, and received credit recommendation by the American Council on Education (ACE) may receive course credits.

The ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview is a 15-30 minute telephone interview between an ACTFL Certified Tester and a candidate. The interview is interactive and adaptive to the experiences and linguistic competence of the candidate.

The ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test is a timed 90-minute exam delivered on the computer via the internet. The candidate responds to all prompts in the target language. This is a proctored standardized test for global assessment of functional writing ability.

Prior to starting the registration process, a candidate should consult with the Office of Academic Testing about the availability of testing times. A candidate will then submit a completed application to LTI at http://www.languagetesting.com/. (All candidates must request an ACE transcript be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions for consideration of college credit).

On the day of the test, the candidate reports to the Student Services Center (SSC) room 210 and presents a form of personal identification; this must be a government-issued photo ID card that bears the student’s signature. The candidate will also be required to pay a $10 non-refundable administrative fee.

Additional information about these two exam formats, current listing of available languages, and description of the various types of ratings can be found at http://www.languagetesting.com/.

Student’s that wish to retake an ACTFL exam must wait 90 days before attempting it again. This is an ACTL policy.

If you have a question about testing dates, please contact the Office of Academic Testing at (361) 825-2334 or visit with us in SSC 210. To determine if the university grants credit for the exam, the number of credit hours granted, and the course(s) that can be bypassed with a satisfactory score, please consult the university catalog. For information regarding applicability of these tests to specific degree programs, students should contact their academic advisors.