

Office of Educator Certification
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Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota
Language and Culture Proficiency Verification

Part 1 – To be completed by the applicant.
Complete this section. Send this form to the department chairperson/dean must complete the proficiency statement. Contact information listed on page 2.

Last 4 digits of SSN	-		Date of Birth
Last Name	First Name, MI		Maiden/Previous Last Name
Telephone Number	Email Address		

Part 2 – To be completed by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by both a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department.
Complete this section. Email to certification@state.sd.us.

Proficiency Statement

I certify that on _____(date) _____(applicant) has demonstrated proficiency in Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota oral and written language and culture with recognition from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by both a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department.

Also, the individual has successfully completed a three-semester-hour methodology course directly related to teaching Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education.

Printed Name of Authorized Official	Print Title of Authorized Official		
Email Address	Telephone (including area code)		
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Signature of Authorized Official			Date

Email: certification@state.sd.us

Mailing Address: Department of Education, Certification Office, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

Regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies:

Sisseton/Wahpeton Community College

PO Box 689

Sisseton, SD 57262

Chairperson - Dakota Language: Erin Griffin

Certifying Officer/Education: Jeanette Gravidahl

Phone: 605.742.1117

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Oglala Lakota College

PO Box 490

Kyle, SD 57752-0490

Chairperson - Lakota Language: Karen Lone Hill

Certifying Officer/Education: Shannon Amiotte or

Tom Raymond

Phone: 605.455.6000

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University of South Dakota

414 E Clark

Vermillion, SD 57069-2390

Chairperson – Lakota Languages: Armik Mirzayan

Phone: 605.677.3159

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Certifying Officer/Education: Mark Baron or

Robin Wiebers

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Sitting Bull College

1341 92nd St

Fort Yates, ND 58538

Chairperson - Lakota Language: Michael Moore

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Sinte Gleska University

PO Box 8

Mission, SD 57555

Chairperson - Lakota Language: Francis Cutt

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Certifying Officer/Education: Cheryl Medearis

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Organization approved by both a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department:

Dakotah Language Institute

Contact Person: Tamara Decoteau

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