STARTALKS Start Talking!



The UW STARTALK Teacher Program, "Preparing Teachers for the 21st Century," is accepting applications for the summer 2015 intensive program that will take place at the University of Washington Language Learning Center. The program aims to enroll teachers who are currently teaching Russian, Korean, Persian, or Portuguese in the community and who would like to work toward obtaining a P-12 World Language Endorsement for teaching these languages in Washington K-12 public schools. The program is designed to teach them STARTALK best practices in language teaching and curriculum development, as well as the content knowledge needed to pass the Washington Educator Skills Test – Endorsement (WEST-E) for World Languages. This Teacher Program will prepare native (or near native) speakers of these languages to teach in a standards and content-based program, focused on developing communicative proficiency and accuracy in heritage speakers and second language learners of Russian, Korean, Persian, and Portuguese. A special focus on integrating STEM into language instruction will prepare teachers to work effectively with today's students.

Highlights:

- 13-day Intensive program for teachers, 5 hours a day (9:00 am 3:00 pm), total of 65 instructional hours
- 5 credits for EDC&I 495 from the UW College of Education
- Standards and content-based program, focused on developing communicative proficiency and accuracy in heritage speakers and second language learners
- Emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Content knowledge to pass the Washington Educator Skills Test Endorsement (WEST-E) for World Languages
- Scholarship assistance for required assessments (WEST-E and ACTFL OPIc and WPT to demonstrate language proficiency)
- UW Summer Quarter Registration Fee for the Teacher Program: \$44

Space is limited, so register soon!

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