Foreign Language Education Candidates

Proficiency-Building Protocol

Create a log in which you record the following activities. Turn that log in, with your signature, indicating that you are reporting your activities honestly. The Honor Code of the College of Charleston is still in effect for this. This completed log is due at the end of EDFS 456, or the semester before you plan to take the OPI-C and the Praxis II exam in your Target Language. You will not be permitted to begin your internship unless you have completed this log and/or you have passed the Praxis II in your Target Language AND have achieved an official score of Advanced Low or higher on the OPI-C.

1. Establish an intensive listening regime in their Target Language, including listening to news broadcasts and interview programs from Target-Language Countries. Listen to at least THREE hours per week of authentic target-language news or other recordings that involve native speakers speaking. Write the name of the source you listened to each day, write down how long you listened to it, and describe in the Target Language what it was about.

2. Establish an intensive reading regime in the Target Language, including reading newspapers, blogs, and other media written in the TL. Spend at least THREE hours per week reading an authentic text in the target language. This does not include your assigned reading for your language classes. Write the name and bibliographical information of the source you read, record how long you spent reading it, and write a brief summary of what it was about in the Target Language.

3. Attend the Tertulia conversation hours in Spanish twice a month, or the Table française once a month. Be assertive in your participation. Speak to the professors who are there whenever possible instead of other students. Ask a professor there, or one of the other students who is there and who is a leader in the French or Spanish club to sign your log to indicate that you attended AND that you spoke often in the TL.

4. Record yourself narrating in the Target Language what you did for each of THREE separate days per week; record three five-minute narrations per week. Listen to the recording of yourself speaking and critique your narration: how well did you speak, did you make any errors, were you able to speak with fluency -- not pausing too much--and were you able to fill the five minutes with Target Language. Write your critique of your own speaking in your log.

5. Make appointments with professors who are willing to spend time during office hours speaking the TL and/or correcting your journal entries. Ask those professors to sign your log to indicate that they looked at your writing and spoke the TL with you.

The new remedial plan, effective Fall 2018:

If you do not reach Advanced Low on your OPI-C as well as obtain a passing score on the Praxis II World Language Exam, you are required to do the following during your internship. Failure to complete this remedial plan will result in your NOT being recommended to the state for certification.
You must provide evidence of speaking in your target language at an advanced/abstract level with native speakers or speakers who are at an Advanced level or higher. This means the target language you speak in your classes and with your cooperating teacher during your internship do NOT count. Possible sources for this higher level of speaking include participating in the Tertulia or the Table française; speaking with international exchange students; paying for a program such as "TalkAbroad."

You are required to prove evidence of sustained, abstract conversations for a minimum of 30 hours throughout the semester of your internship. If you attend the Tertulia or Table française, the faculty advisors will sign for you; if you speak with an exchange student, that person will sign for you (please remember that you are still under the College of Charleston Honor Code, as is the exchange student); if you pay for TalkAbroad or another on-line program, send the videos of your conversations to the Foreign Language Education Advisor. Any other type of conversation situation should be approved by the EDFL Advisor. Turn in your evidence to the EDFL advisor prior to re-taking your OPI-c and/or your Praxis II World Language Exam.