Learn cutting-edge teaching methodologies and second language theories for effective teaching of Spanish as a second language. Develop the expertise to teach students with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds and to utilize modern technologies to enhance student learning.

**Program Description**

**Degree Awarded: Certificate Spanish Language Pedagogy (certificate)**

Through graduate coursework, the certificate program in Spanish language pedagogy enables practicing teachers and graduate students to understand the process of Spanish language acquisition and learn cutting-edge teaching methodologies to make sound pedagogical decisions that lead to effective teaching and learning. Students gain competence in designing effective and engaging Spanish language lessons for their students and learn to be sensitive to the needs of students with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds, such as heritage learners. Students learn to design accurate assessment measurements, writing assignments and culture-based lessons as well as utilize modern technologies to enhance Spanish language education.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

**Degree Requirements**

18 credit hours and a portfolio
Required Core (3 credit hours)
SPA 596 Second Language Methodologies (3)

Other Requirements (9 credit hours)
SPA 543 Structure of Spanish (3)
SPA 546 Heritage Language Pedagogy (3)
SPA 598 ST: Spanish Second Language Acquisition (3)

Electives (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (0 credit hours)
portfolio (0)

Additional Curriculum Information
For courses listed as other requirements, alternative courses may be used with approval of the certificate codirectors

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in Spanish, Spanish literature and culture, Spanish linguistics, applied linguistics, second language acquisition and teaching, or a related field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. professional resume
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.