



A Second Language Acquisition Certificate Program for African Language Instructors

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About the NALRC

The National African Language Resource Center is a federally-funded, non-profit national foreign language center dedicated to the advancement of African language teaching and learning in the United States. The Center's mission is to serve the entire community of African language teachers and learners in the United States by sponsoring a wide range of educational and professional activities designed to improve the accessibility and quality of African language instruction in the United States.

About the Summer 2009 Institute

The summer 2009 institute will help prepare African language educators in the vital area of integrated skills

As interest in African language learning and teaching increases, so does the need to prepare graduate students, teaching assistants who are planning to pursue African language teaching as a profession, and faculty members in the field who need retooling. The Summer 2009 Institute has been designed to help meet this need. It will train fellows in a number of crucial areas central to the effective operation of an African Language Program.

Program Description:

The program consists of a two-week intensive introduction to:

- a) Teaching the skills of Speaking and Listening in the African Language Classroom;
- b) Teaching the Skills of Writing and Reading in the African Language Classroom.
- c) Testing and Assessing the Four Skills in the African Language Classroom.
- d) Lesson Planning and Classroom Management.

Participants will move from a theoretical overview to hands-on practice in teaching the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, and assessing them.

Fees and related costs

The NALRC will cover the program fees (for example, registration fees, administration costs, instruction costs) for all selected applicants. Other expenses, such as transportation, food, lodging, and books will be the responsibility of each participant's African Studies Program.

* Participants are encouraged to ask for support from their respective African Language or African Studies programs to cover expenses that the NALRC will not cover.

approach to the teaching of the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. It will also prepare them for testing and assessing these four skills. Issues related to lesson planning and classroom management will be discussed as well.

Facilities

NALRC's location at the University of Wisconsin-Madison provides access to all of the university's state-of-the-art classroom facilities.

Awards

The NALRC will award a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

NALRC Staff

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Eligibility:

Graduate students in good standing in any African language, linguistics, cultural studies, literature,

second language acquisition, or any related field at an accredited institution of higher education are eligible. African language instructors and scholars may also apply. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to remain at their institution for at least three years after the completion of the summer institute.

Experience in teaching African languages is preferable. In addition, all applicants must demonstrate serious interest in African language learning and teaching.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit a letter of application and supporting documents for the summer 2009 institute by January 26, 2009. Applicants will be notified of selection by February 18, 2009. Supporting documents include:

- a CV
- two letters of recommendation indicating the importance of the training for the applicant. One of the letters must be from the executive officer of the applicant's home department or African studies program.

You can submit your application and supporting documents through the electronic mail (e-mail).

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◆ **Certificates will not be awarded to any participant that does not complete the entire program.**