



# World Language Education Certification

## Personal Statement Requirement

TCPCG applicants must be able to indicate experiences that have influenced and/or shaped their decision to pursue a career in teaching. These experiences may relate to working with children or being in the field of education. Other options to include may be meaningful or transformative experiences that have had an impact on your life. An important component of your application to TCPCG is your life experience up to this point. We will ask you to describe your experiences in detail as well as what you learned from them.

Working with children will help inform your decision to pursue a career in teaching. Also consider working with diverse populations, including children with special needs, experiences in urban settings, as well as in your field of study. Having a range of experiences is perceived as contributing to your overall readiness for teacher education.

## What kind of experiences can I participate in?

- If you are a current undergraduate student, tutoring opportunities through the Office of Community Outreach (some programs provide transportation). Visit [volunteer.uconn.edu](http://volunteer.uconn.edu) for more information.
- Observation of a world language teacher in a local school district. Pre-teaching students find own placements, usually during Thanksgiving, winter, and summer breaks.

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