

**Official ACTFL OPI** score of Advanced Low or better is required by the state of New Jersey for licensure. Students are advised to take the test before or immediately after completion of the Spanish major coursework

Oral Proficiency Assessment aligns with Standard 1: Language, Linguistics, Comparisons, as follows:

- (a) Candidates demonstrate a high level (Advanced Low or better) of proficiency in the target language.
- (b) Candidate knows the linguistic elements of the target language system, recognize the changing nature of language, and accommodate for gaps in their own knowledge. The official OPI is designed to assess different linguistic registers, and student's ability in dealing with unfamiliar linguistic situations.

### **Analysis of Data Findings and Evidence of Meeting the Standards.**

Since the Official OPI exam started to be required by the State of NJ in 2007, some of the candidates in the first cohort were able to obtain their license during the transition period without doing the OPI. In addition, some completers from 2009-2010 had not done their OPI exam when this report was written. We include all ratings pertaining to our program as provided by ETS.

Data from the Official OPI confirms that a large majority of completers exceed expectations in their oral proficiency skills. Out of the three cohorts (a total of 19 candidates), 18 exceeded expectations with an AM rating or higher and only one candidate did not meet expectations. Said student had been identified during her completion of the Spanish program and had been advised to take concrete measures to improve her oral skills.

<b>Unacceptable</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Target</b>
IH or bellow	AL	AM or above

