



Penn State STARTALK 2021 Arabic Academy for Teachers Application Form

Online Preparation: June 7–18; Teaching Practicum: June 21–July 16 (both virtual/remote)

Teachers accepted into the program will receive a \$4,000 stipend upon successful completion of both the online preparation and the teaching practicum. Because the Arabic 001 class being taught as part of the practicum may include students in grades 9–12 as well as college students, teachers must complete Pennsylvania’s 3-part clearance process for working with minors in order to participate (we’ll explain how to request these clearances if you are accepted into the program). This program will be conducted virtually and does not require travel. Please understand that as a teacher you will need work eligibility, as Penn State will not be able to apply for a visa or other employment status on your behalf for this summer program.

Participant Information

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Current position or employment (if teaching, please indicate language and levels):

School, college, university, or other institution for studying or employment:

Are you scheduled to teach Arabic language in 2021–22? Yes No

If so, where (school, college, or other institution) and at what levels (novice, intermediate, etc.)?

Applications received by April 15 will be given full consideration, though later applications are also encouraged and will be gladly considered if space remains. After a first screening, we may request supplementary materials including confirmation of work eligibility and a letter of recommendation from a department head, a school administrator, a language coordinator, or an individual with a similar role.

Practicum Expectations

During the period of preparation (June 7–18), in addition to asynchronous activities, we will be organizing

several synchronous meetings and workshops. We will do our best to take your availability into account when scheduling these, and we may be able to record a session for you if there is something you must unavoidably miss. Throughout the practicum days (June 21–July 16), you will be expected to be in your Zoom classroom M–F from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (ET), delivering different types of learning experiences, continuing to design upcoming learning episodes and assessments, and working with mentors.

In the afternoons, you will rotate with the other teachers to support students in asynchronous activities, have a daily check-in meeting with the lead instructor, spend about 2 hours planning and designing the upcoming daily lesson plans and activities, and receive feedback and guidance from the lead instructor and other mentors.

I have read the Practicum Expectations above and, if admitted to this program, will be available as indicated there. I have work eligibility in the U.S.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit Your Application Materials

In order for your application to be considered, please send the following items, along with your completed application, to galinova@psu.edu:

1. A brief essay addressing (a) your teaching experience and background, (b) any prior professional development you've completed for teaching Arabic or other language(s), and (c) your strengths as a teacher and your professional goals (no more than 2 pages or approximately 1,000 words)
2. A current curriculum vitae

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Elena Galinova at galinova@psu.edu or call 814-867-1665.