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FALL 2012 Teaching Skills Study Award (TSSA) Report

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Name and Date of conference attended: Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Assessment Workshop, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Convention 11/12/2012-11/15/2012

Teaching Skill(s) Studied:

- Assessment of the oral competency of foreign language learners through the OPI test which assesses the student’s overall ability to understand and speak the language

- Ability to connect the theory and principles of oral proficiency with practice.

Impact on Current Teaching (How was this info applied)?

- I have used the OPI criteria to assess the language proficiency of students in the Arabic language classes that I teach. This has allowed me to implement a more student-centered approach in my teaching as I identify students’ current proficiency levels as we all consciously work towards a higher Arabic oral proficiency level.

- The OPI training was the first step towards becoming a fully certified tester of OPI and I am working on the full certification right now. This will allow me to become a certified OPI tester which is highly valued and recognized nationally and internationally.

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