

"This (Diagnostic Assessment) is a very significant program. I am very convinced it is one of the most important things to help get our students to higher proficiency levels."

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Commandant, DLIFLC



Diagnostic Assessment

A standardized tool for learners, teachers, and program managers to make individual learner differences work in achieving proficiency goals.

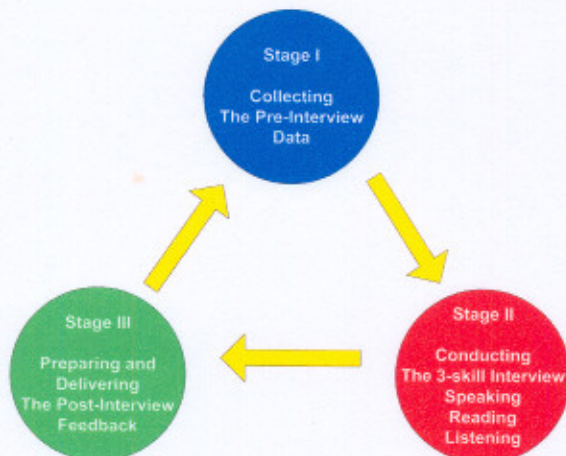
Salient Features of the DA Process

Formative, not summative

Face-to-face, interactive, dynamic

Brings together psychological, social, and linguistic learner data

Structure of the D.A. Process



Pre-interview Data

Biographical Information

Sensory Preferences

Personality Type

Cognitive Styles

Writing Sample

Who We Are

7 D.A. Trainers in 6 languages:

Arabic (2)

Chinese (1)

Korean (3)

Spanish/English (1)

Where we are

Located at the Department of Defense (DoD) Building

400 Gigling Road, CA 93955

What We Do

The Diagnostic Assessment Center trains DLI faculty to use the diagnostic assessment process to provide tailored instruction to military linguists.

The DAC's Products

Faculty In-Service Trainings

- **DA Specialist Certification Workshop**
(2 weeks; for faculty in all languages)
- **Roundtables**
(content customized to faculty needs; in target languages)
- **Refresher Seminars**
(3-day refresher workshops; offered in target languages)
- **Additional in-service training opportunities**
(now under development)

Support for DA Specialists

- Develop Diagnostic Assessment Packages
- Provide Consultation and Support
- Provide Quality Control
- Conduct DA Interviews

How We Do It



Goals of the DA Certification Training

Graduates of the DA Certification Workshop are trained to:

- collect linguistic and nonlinguistic data
- use data to provide detailed feedback to students and teachers
- support teaching teams in tailoring instruction

Benefits to Faculty

- ILR and Text Typology for DA → Support integration of authentic material
- Individual nonlinguistic factors → Enhance tailored instruction

Options for Individualizing Instruction

- Individualized, meaningful homework
- Customized Special Assistance and Enhancement programs
- Tailored instruction in PEP and 4+2 classes
- Individual academic counseling

The Road Ahead

- **DA Blackboard course**
Current Project in Progress: Text Selecting for DA Purposes
- **Language specific Blackboard application**
Chinese DA Blackboard was launched in Dec 2008. It provides access to: all documents and forms required for DA interviews; relevant readings; Chinese DA video demo and tips for DA interviews; Chinese DA certification requirements and updates; Chinese packages for DA interviews.
- **Text Database**
Collection of unlimited amount of texts with relevant text information. Text data are sorted and can be retrieved according to texts modality (reading and listening), ILR levels, target languages, genres, etc. Current project in progress: Korean text database.

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