1. **Description of the Assessment and Its Use in the Program**

Key Licensure Assessment #1 is the **Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)** of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). It is required by the State Board of Education of Ohio and is administered through Language Testing International (LTI).

The **Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)** is a global assessment of functional writing ability, measuring how well a person writes in a language by comparing the performance of specific writing tasks with the criteria stated in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.

While the Ohio qualifying score is *Intermediate-High*, the Institutional qualifying score for the **Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)** is *Advanced-Low*. A candidate is required to meet this qualifying score (*Advanced-Low*) in order to (a) exit the licensure program at Gateway 3 and (b) be recommended to the Ohio Department of Education for licensure.

2. **Description of How the Assessment Specifically Aligns with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Standards (2002)**

The following ACTFL standard element is assessed through this Key Licensure Assessment.

| Standard Element 1.a: Demonstrating Language Proficiency – candidates demonstrate a high level of proficiency in the target language |

3. **Assessment Instrument**

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The **Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)** is proctored and rated by certified ACTFL WPT raters and then forwarded to the ACTFL Testing Office to be double-rated. An Official ACTFL WPT Certificate, stating the candidate’s proficiency level, is issued to the candidate.

4. **Scoring Guide for the Assessment**

The Institution is unable to provide scoring guide for the **Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)** since the assessment is the property of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).