

# FLORIDA TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTION SUMMARY

## Direct Route to Professional Certificate

## Alternate Route for Career Changers & Non-Education Majors (<http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/level3.asp>)

*Additional Information*

Bachelor's degree and  
Valid standard teaching  
certificate issued by another  
state  
  
or  
Bachelor's degree earned in a  
Florida "State Approved  
Education Program"  
  
or  
Valid certificate issued by the  
National Board for Professional  
Teaching Standards

Bachelor's degree and  
Passing score on Florida subject  
area exam  
  
or  
Appropriate degree major  
  
or  
Completion of coursework  
meeting state requirements for  
the subject area  
  
or  
Out-of-state teacher prep  
program with student teaching

For exam information for this  
eligibility option see:  
[www.fl.nesinc.com](http://www.fl.nesinc.com) and  
[www.fldoe.org/asp/fce/](http://www.fldoe.org/asp/fce/).

For major or subject area  
coursework requirements for  
these eligibility options see:  
[www.fldoe.org/edcert/subjlist.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/subjlist.asp)

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*Apply for Temporary Certificate  
in area of eligibility.\*\**

**FLORIDA TEMPORARY  
CERTIFICATE**

Applicant will receive a  
**Statement of Status of Eligibility**  
**Validity period:** 3 years.

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beginning 7/1 of school year.

Passing score on  
General Knowledge exam  
  
and  
Passing score on  
Florida Subject Area exam  
  
and  
Passing score on  
Professional Education exam  
  
and  
Education coursework  
(15-20\* semester hours) and  
  
Practical teaching experience  
  
and  
Completion of Professional  
Education Competence program,  
*i.e.*, Lee A.P.P.L.E.S. program

**Must pass GK within 12  
months of Florida hire date;  
All other requirements: before  
expiration date of temporary  
certificate.**

**Alternative:** Passport to Teach-  
ing Certificate from American  
Board for Certification of Teacher  
Excellence may meet these State  
requirements for some subject  
areas. [www.abcte.org](http://www.abcte.org)

May be able to waive 3\* hours  
with 1\* yrs tching experience.

6 hrs of teaching internship or  
**1\* full-time teaching year.**

**Alternative Cert Prgm** meets  
these State requirements:  
1) District web-based program  
<https://www.altcertflorida.org/index.htm>  
or  
2) Educator Prep Institutes (EPI)  
at FL college or university

*Apply for Professional Certificate  
in the area of eligibility.\*\**

<b>FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>Validity period:</b> 5 years. Minimum of 120 inservice points or 6 semester hours to renew.
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Additional information about Florida teacher certification can be found at [www.fldoe.org/edcert](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert).

\*Exact requirements are listed on your Official Statement of Status of Eligibility. The Bureau of Educator Certification has the authority to verify course approval.

\*\*Apply for your initial Florida certificate on-line at <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/apply.asp>. Credit card payment is required for the fee. If not already done, application needs to be completed within 10 days of your start date.