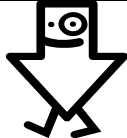


OPTIONS For Certification	Options for completion of Florida Professional Teaching Certificate Requirements For Career Changers and Non-Education Majors <i>Requirements and Information</i>				
	Description	Professional Educator Competency	State Exams	Participant Estimated Cost	Contact Information
Traditional	Complete Professional Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15-20 semester hours of appropriate education coursework (college/university level) * ▪ Practical teaching requirement <p>* 3-6 hours may be waived with 1-2 years successful teaching experience</p>	Complete A.P.P.L.E.S <i>(Accomplished Professional Practices for the Lee Educational System)</i>	Pass 3 exams General Knowledge, Professional Ed., Subject Area	College Tuition and Exams @ \$2,300.00	School District of Lee County Personnel Specialist www.leeschools.net/dept/ps/ Contact Number (239) 337-8197
District Alternative Certification	Complete a District Alternative Certification Program (DCP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A one to three year, online intensive training program ▪ Reading Competency 2 <p>Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree & District Employee (Full-Time Instructional Personnel)</p>	Fulfilled by program completion	Pass 3 exams General Knowledge, Professional Ed., Subject Area	Exams Only @ \$25.00 (Each)	District Certification Program Website OR Curriculum and Staff Development Center Coordinator for Beginning Teacher Programs Contact Number (239) 337-8248
Educator Preparation Institutes	Complete Educator Preparation Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two semesters (Fall/Spring) <p>Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree</p>	Coursework is fulfilled by program completion – participants will be assigned a peer.	Pass 3 exams General Knowledge, Professional Ed., Subject Area	Tuition, Textbooks and Exams Contact Edison College	Edison College Educator Preparation Institute Director Lee Campus www.edison.edu/epi Contact Number (239) 489-9276
Teacher Immersion Program	Complete Teacher Immersion Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some graduate credit may be earned for education coursework taken for certification purposes ▪ Practical teaching requirement <p>Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree</p>	Coursework is fulfilled by completion program – participants will be assigned a peer.	Pass 3 exams General Knowledge, Professional Ed. Subject Area	Tuition , Textbooks and Exams Contact FGCU	Florida Gulf Coast University College of Education (Grant funding is sometimes available to reduce costs.) http://coe.fgcu.edu/tip.html Contact Number (800) 590-3428
American Board- Passport to Teaching	Complete Passport to Teaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass a National Professional Ed Exam • Pass a National Subject Area Exam <p>Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree</p>	Complete A.P.P.L.E.S.	Fulfilled by successful completion of Passport to Teaching	Exams and Review Materials @ \$500.00 +	American Board For Certification of Teacher Excellence at www.abcte.org Contact Number (877) 669-2228