

FLORIDA TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTION SUMMARY

Direct Route to Professional Certificate

Alternate Route for Career Changers & Non-Education Majors

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 and
www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/.

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

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

**FLORIDA TEMPORARY
CERTIFICATE**

Applicant will receive a
Statement of Status of Eligibility
(See Sample Statement.)

Validity period: 3 years
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

May be able to waive 3-6* hours
with 1-2* yrs tching experience.
(See Education Coursework
Requirements document.)

6 hrs of teaching internship or
1-2* full-time teaching years.

Alternative Cert Pgm meets
these State requirements:
1) District web-based pgm
[www.leeschools.net/dept/curr/
ACP/acp.htm](http://www.leeschools.net/dept/curr/ACP/acp.htm) or
2) Educator Prep Institutes (EPI)
at FL college or university

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

FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CERTIFICATE

Validity period: 5 years.
Minimum of 120 inservice points
or 6 semester hours to renew.

Additional information about Florida teacher certification can be found at www.fldoe.org/edcert.

*Exact requirements depend on application date and are listed on the Statement of Eligibility. (New rules 7/27/06.)

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