

# PATHWAYS TO A FLORIDA TEACHING CERTIFICATE

## Direct Route

Bachelor's Degree  
and

- Valid Teaching Certificate issued by another state or, Bachelor's Degree from a Florida "State Approved Education Program"
- or, Florida state-approved initial teacher preparation program at the undergrad or graduate level
- or, Valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching

Apply for professional Certificate in area of eligibility.

## Alternative Route

Career Changers &  
Non-Education Majors  
Bachelor's Degree  
and

- Passing score of Florida subject area exam
- **or**, Appropriate degree major
- **or**, Completion of coursework meeting state requirements for subject area
- **or**, Out-of-state teacher prep program with student teaching (completed)

Apply for temporary certificate in area of eligibility.

- Pass General Knowledge Exam
- Pass Florida Subject Exam
- Pass Professional Education Exam
- 15-20 Hours Education Coursework
- Practical Teaching Experience
- Complete Professional Education Competence Program

## FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

Valid for five years

*Exact requirements are listed on your Official Statement of Status of Eligibility. The Bureau of Educator Certification has the authority to verify course approval. There is a \$75 fee for each area of certification an applicant is applying for. Applications need to be completed within 10 days of start date.*