Direct Route to Professional Certificate

- Bachelor’s degree
- Valid standard teaching certificate issued by another state
- Bachelor’s degree earned in a Florida “State Approved Education Program”
- Florida state-approved initial teacher preparation program at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching

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

Alternate Route for Career Changers & Non-Education Majors

(www.fldoe.org/edcert/level3.asp)

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

Apply for Temporary Certificate in area of eligibility. **

FLORIDA TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE

- Passing score on General Knowledge exam
- Passing score on Florida Subject Area exam
- Passing score on Professional Education exam
- Education coursework (15-20* semester hours)
- Practical teaching experience
- Completion of Professional Education Competence program. (Pinellas County Schools effective and highly effective evaluation program)

FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR’S CERTIFICATE

Additional Information

- For exam information for this eligibility option see: www.flnesinc.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
- Applicant will receive a Statement of Status of Eligibility
- Validity period: 3 years.

Validity period: 3 years beginning 7/1 of school year.

Alternative: Routes to a Florida Professional Certificate


May be able to waive 3* hours with 1* year teaching experience.

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

Alternative Cert Program meets these State requirements:
1) District web-based program https://www.pcsb.org/Page/1669
or
2) Educator Prep Institutes (EPI) at FL College or university
Initial Teacher Preparation Programs (fldoe.org)

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 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.