## LOCAL ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

The Transition to Teaching Program is Pinellas County Schools’ state-approved Professional Development Certification program (PDCP) for newly hired secondary, Art and Music Elementary Ed teachers or Career Technical teachers.

### Transition to Teaching (TTT)

**http://pcsb.org/Page/1669**

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### District Professional Development Program

Face-to-face professional development courses of study based on the demonstration of the 6 Florida Educator Accomplished Practices and the PCS Marzano Focus Teacher Evaluation Model. Participants must be hired as a Pinellas County teacher to be eligible, have an overall 2.5 GPA with a Statement of Eligibility and/or be prepared to pass the subject area and general knowledge exam. The TTT program can be completed within two years. Courses are offered two evenings per month. Additionally the TTT program requires PORPD and ESOL available online.

In an effort to assist teachers with professional preparation requirements as outlined on a Statement of Eligibility, the certification team has compiled a list of local alternative certification options. Please understand that this is not a finite list nor is it a recommendation for the use of any of these colleges/universities/agencies. You will need to check with each source for current fee information.

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<th>College courses at accredited colleges/universities to meet Statement of Eligibility professional prep requirements</th>
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| **St. Petersburg College**  
Pathways to Professional Certification  
**http://www.spcollege.edu/Educator_Temporary_to_Full_Certification/**  
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**Professional Preparation courses** – College of Education courses to fulfill DOE semester hour requirements towards full certification. This venue is for currently employed teachers who require professional preparation courses as determined on their Statement of Eligibility or courses for teachers who want to renew or reinstate an expired certificate. Program offers online and face-to-face options and the program timeline is based on your own time and pace. Courses are non-degree. |

| St. Petersburg College  
Educator Preparation Institute (EPI)  
**http://www.spcollege.edu/epi/**  
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poulin.michael@spcollege.edu |  
**Alternative Certification Program** – a state approved 27 credit hour certificate program that leads to Professional certification in any subject area. This program includes both a practicum experience and a fulltime internship, and is geared towards career changers who do not hold a current teaching position. |

| USF St. Petersburg  
Master of Arts in Exceptional Student Education  
**http://www.usfsp.edu/education/**  
Lyman Dukes, PH.D,  
l dukes@mail.usf.edu , 727-873-4054 |  
**Alternative Certification**  
Master of Arts in Exceptional Student Education (ESE)  
36 hour program leads to a Master of Arts Degree in ESE with the following options for endorsements/certification/tracks: Courses for DOE Certification, Reading, ESOL, Severe/Profound, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Gifted, Educational Leadership, Math/Science, Adjunct Supervision, Diversity Employability, and Infant Family Mental Health. Flexible program of study based on an applicant’s |
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| **Master of Arts in Elementary Education**  
[http://www.usfsp.edu/education/](http://www.usfsp.edu/education/)  
Deanna Michael, dmichael@mail.usf.edu, 727-873-4577 | **Master of Arts in Elementary Education with ESOL Endorsement**  
If you want to become an elementary teacher (grades K-6) and have a bachelor’s degree in a field outside of education, then this program is for you. Completion of the entire program (coursework and internships) leads to initial certification in Elementary Education with ESOL endorsement and a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Elementary Education. The program is Approved by the Florida Department of Education. | **M.A.T. degree** is designed for holders of a non education baccalaureate degree who desire to meet initial teacher certification requirements as part of a graduate program. The baccalaureate degree must be appropriate (as deemed by program faculty) for the teaching field in which certification is sought. Hours in the M.A.T. degree vary by discipline. The MAT degrees that USF Tampa offers are listed below. |
| Kristine LeDoux, Graduate Recruiter  
kledoux1@mail.usf.edu  
(727) 873-4269 | **Alternate Certification 6-12 as well as teaching at the college level**  
Master of Arts in English Education  
Would you like to study English, American, and world literature, English language and grammar, or English and multimedia composition in more depth at the graduate level? Would you like to learn more about educational theories, research, and teaching methods? The M.A. in English Education makes it possible for you to extend your learning of English language, literature, and composition, as well as teaching theories and strategies – all in the same program. | - Elementary Education (K-6)  
- Exceptional Student Education (Special Education – K-12)  
- English Education (6-12)  
- Foreign Language Education (K-12)  
- Mathematics Education (5-9 or 6-12)  
- Science Education (6-12)  
- Social Science Education (6-12) |
| **Master of Arts in English Education**  
[http://www.usfsp.edu/education/](http://www.usfsp.edu/education/)  
Cynthia Leung, cleung@mail.usf.edu, 727-873-4051 | **MAT Advisor**  
Deanna Rieke  
drieke@usf.edu | |