



Everything You Should Know About Certification

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What's New in Educator Certification?

Today's Topics

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- Adjunct Teaching Certificate
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Athletic Coaching Certification

- Every individual working as an athletic coach in any public school system in Florida must possess a current professional or temporary certificate or an athletic coaching certificate. The sports coaching credential can be used for full-time or part-time coaching positions.
- Every individual working as an athletic coach in any public school system in Florida must also possess and uphold certifications in automated external defibrillator usage, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The certification for these areas must align with the national recommendations for emergency cardiovascular care that are based on evidence.

Classical Education Certificate

- This certificate will only be valid at a classical school, which is defined as an educational institution that adheres to a classical education model, emphasizing moral character, civic virtue and a comprehensive education in the liberal arts and sciences based on the classical trivium stages of grammar, logic and rhetoric.
- A classical education teaching certificate does not cover the following certification subjects or endorsements: Exceptional Student Education (ESE), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), or Athletic Coaching.

Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Certification Pathway

- On October 18, 2023, the State Board of Education approved two rules for the Apprenticeship Certification Pathway.
 - Rule 6A-4.004, F.A.C., created a new five-year temporary certificate type for Teacher Apprenticeship.
 - Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., established a new five-year temporary certificate application for Teacher Apprenticeship.
- Temporary teacher apprenticeship certificate was amended in 2024.
 - Subject area examination requirement was removed.
 - Minimum cumulative grade point average changed from 3.0 to 2.5.

Adjunct Teaching Certification

- Charter Schools are allowed to issue adjunct teaching certificates.
- A charter school may issue an adjunct teaching certificate for a part-time or full-time teaching position; however, an adjunct teaching certificate issued for a full-time teaching position is valid for no more than 5 years and is nonrenewable.
- A charter school shall:
 - Post requirements on its website for the issuance of an adjunct teaching certificate, which must specify the subject area test through which an applicant demonstrates subject area mastery.

Temporary Teacher Internship Certificate

- The Department shall issue a temporary teacher internship certificate to any applicant who:
 - Is enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program under s. 1004.04, F.S.
 - Is actively completing the required field experience or internship at a public school;
 - Completes the requirements outlined in s. 1012.56(2)(a)-(b) and (d)-(f), F.S.; and
 - Documents completion of 60 college credits with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as provided by one or more accredited institutions of higher learning or a nonaccredited institution of higher learning identified by the Department as having a quality program resulting in a bachelor's degree or higher.

New Certification Fee Waivers

- Valid certificate holders with Exceptional Student Education (ESE) K–12 subject coverage may apply to add the Elementary Education K-6 subject area and waive the certification application fee.
- Conversely, valid certificate holders with Elementary Education K-6 subject coverage may apply to add the ESE K–12 subject area and waive the certification application fee.

Inactive Certificate Status

- Allows active valid certificate holders to request the placement of their certificate in an inactive status.
- After one year or more in an inactive status, a certificate holder must complete professional learning requirements to apply for reactivation of their certificate.



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Pathways to Demonstrate Mastery of General Knowledge

Alternative Assessments to Waive General Knowledge Examination

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Revised General Test, SAT, ACT and Classic Learning Test (CLT)

Upload the score reports to the educator file and email the edcertpartnerline@fldoe.org to notify BEC.

GK SUBTEST	ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT	MINIMUM REQUIRED ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT SCORE
GK Essay		
	GRE Analytical Writing	A combined score of 4 out of 6
	SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	A score of 560
	ACT English	A score of 22
	CLT Verbal Reasoning & Grammar/Writing	A combined score of 49
GK English Language Skills		
	GRE Verbal Reasoning	A score of 151
	SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	A score of 560
	ACT English	A score of 22
	CLT Verbal Reasoning & Grammar/Writing	A combined score of 49
GK Reading		
	GRE Verbal Reasoning	A score of 151
	SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	A score of 560
	ACT Reading	A score of 23
	CLT Verbal Reasoning & Grammar/Writing	A combined score of 49
GK Mathematics		
	GRE Quantitative Reasoning	A score of 147
	SAT Mathematics	A score of 540
	ACT Mathematics	A score of 22
	CLT Quantitative Reasoning	A score of 20

Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., Florida Teacher Certification Examinations.
Scores begin on page 11.

(12) Alternative Assessments: Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Revised General Test, SAT, ACT, and Classic Learning Test (CLT). GRE test administrations conducted on or after July 1, 2015, and SAT, ACT, and CLT test administrations on or after March 1, 2016, may be used as an acceptable means of demonstrating a mastery of general knowledge. In all cases, the minimum required score on the GRE, SAT, ACT, and CLT must have been earned during the ten (10) years immediately preceding application and qualification for a certificate, unless otherwise stipulated in law or rule. The scores listed below shall be considered the minimum passing scores that may be used to satisfy the demonstration of mastery of general knowledge requirements. Passing scores are required in each of the general knowledge content areas assessed on the General Knowledge Test, which include writing (essay), English language skills, reading, and mathematics. The table below provides the content area subtests for GRE, SAT, ACT, and CLT, followed by the minimum required scores to satisfy the General Knowledge requirements.

Acceptable means of demonstrating mastery:

- Achievement of passing scores on the General Knowledge (GK) Exam required by state board rule; or
- Documentation of a valid professional standard teaching certificate issued by another state; or
- Documentation of a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or a national educator credentialing board approved by the State Board of Education; or
- Documentation of two semesters of successful, full-time or part-time teaching in a Florida College System institution (FCS), state university (SUS), or private college or university that awards an associate's or higher degree and is an accredited institution or an institution of higher education identified by the Department of Education as having a quality program; or
- Achievement of passing scores, identified in state board rule, on national or international examinations that test comparable content and relevant standards in verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative reasoning skills, including, but not limited to, the verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative reasoning portions of the Graduate Record Exam. Passing scores identified in state board rule must be at approximately the same level of rigor as is required to pass the GK Exams; or
- Documentation of receipt of a master's or higher degree from an accredited postsecondary educational institution that the Department of Education has identified as having a quality program resulting in a baccalaureate degree or higher.

A school district that employs an individual who does not achieve passing scores on any subtest of the GK Exam must provide information regarding the availability of state-level and district-level supports and instruction to assist him or her in achieving a passing score. The requirement of mastery of general knowledge shall be waived for an individual who has been provided three years of supports and instruction and who has been rated effective or highly effective under s. 1012.34, F.S., for each of the last three years.



Questions?





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Educator Certification in Review



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Educator Certification Rules Review

6A-4.002, F.A.C., General Provisions

6A-4.003, F.A.C., Degrees, Programs, and Credits

6A-4.004, F.A.C., Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages

6A-4.0012, F.A.C., Application Information

6A-4.0051, F.A.C., Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate



Questions?



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- Classical Education Teaching Certificate:
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- Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Certificate:
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