

Language Credentialing

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Professional Certificate (FL)

Description

The Professional Certificate is the Initial permit which allows teachers to teach the licensed subjects.

Certificate Valid for 5 years

Employment: Required

Reciprocity

The following states may accept this route:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

State Information

State: Florida

Contact Name: Educator Certification

Contact Phone: 800-445-6739

Contact Email: EdCert@fldoe.org

For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements/index.html>

Notes

University-based teacher certification programs at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Minimum Academic Background

In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.

The following is required for this route:

BA Degree + 30 Hours

BA Degree + Major in Content Language

BA Degree + Completed State Approved Teacher Education Program

Basic Skills

In most states, teachers must verify basic skills in English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

English:

Exam(s):

- [FTCE General Knowledge Test \(GK\): English Language Skills, Reading and Essay](#)

Math:

Exam(s):

- [FTCE General Knowledge Test \(GK\): Mathematics](#)

Notes

See specific degree variation requirements at <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/administrative-rules/6a-4-0243.html>

Teacher Preparation

In most states, teachers are required to complete training in education methods through a teacher program.

The following is required for this route:

State Approved Teacher Education Program

Student Teaching

Exam(s):

- [FTCE Professional Education Test \(PEd\)](#)

Work Experience

In some states, teachers are required to provide evidence of work experience.

The following is required for this route:

Student Teaching Okay.

Content Language and English Language Proficiency

In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

Content Language Proficiency:

Exam(s): Exams are language specific. One exam required.

- [FTCE Subject Area Examinations \(French, German, Latin, Spanish\)](#)
- [ACTFL OPI & WPT](#)

Notes:

ACTFL exam accepted for which there is no Florida developed certification subject area examination. Candidates should review Specialization Requirements for Certification in World Languages (Grades K-12); <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-0243.asp>

Applying to the State

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the application are outlined below:

Application Submission: Individual

Online at: <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/step1.asp>

School District Requirements:

Verification of Employment

Copy of Academic Transcripts: Required

Copy of International Records: Required

Transcript Evaluation Required

URL: http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp_agency_accepted_by_states=florida

Background Check

Required

Varies by District

Renewal: Renewable

Teachers may apply for renewal before their certificate expires. Please see <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/renewal-requirements/> Six semester hours of college credit to include at least one semester hour in teaching students with disabilities must be earned during each renewal period. Visit <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/renew.asp> for specific requirements.

Notes:

FL Fingerprint Processing Instructions: <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/fingerprint.asp> The Florida Professional Certificate is issued after the individual's

fingerprints have been cleared. The individual seeking employment in Florida will be assisted in completing the fingerprint process by his/her employer. A U.S. citizen who is not seeking employment in Florida or has an immediate need for issuance of the Professional Certificate can contact the Bureau of Educator Certification for assistance. Please note: If a U.S. citizen chooses to have his/her fingerprints processed prior to Florida employment for issuance of the Professional Certificate, it may be necessary to have the fingerprints reprocessed, and the individual may have to pay a second processing fee as a condition of employment in a Florida public school.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE

Competency information found at <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes/teaching-for-the-career-changer-or-col.html> You may demonstrate mastery of Professional Preparation and Education Competence by any one of the following: Completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program from a Florida institution and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application Completion of a teacher preparation program from an out-of-state accredited or approved institution and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application Completion of a Florida state-approved Professional Development Certification Program and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application Completion of an approved Florida Educator Preparation Institute program and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application Completion of specified education courses with grades of at least "C" or "Pass," completion of teaching experience requirement, completion of an approved professional education competence demonstration program, and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application Completion of an approved Florida College Professional Training Option for Content Majors, completion of teaching experience requirement, completion of an approved professional education competence demonstration program, and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years from the date of application A valid standard teaching certificate issued by a US state or territory A valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards A valid certificate issued by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence and completion of an approved professional education competence demonstration program Completion of two (2) semesters of full-time college teaching experience or the equivalent in part-time college teaching experience and achievement of a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test earned no more than ten (10) years from the date of application.