

Alternative Certification Pathways Overview

The **Alternative Certification for Educators (ACE) Program** is a Professional Development Certification Program that is approved by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). All the education semester hours listed on your Statement of Status of Eligibility (SOE) are satisfied through ACE when you successfully complete all tasks/assignments. All coursework is FREE, online, and self-paced.

The **Broward Educator Certification (BEC) Pathway** is a course-by-course one-year opportunity. You only take the classes you need towards earning an initial Professional Certificate. BEC is a partnership with Broward College (BC) and Florida Atlantic University (FAU). All classes are tuition FREE, online, and aligned to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs).

The application window opens in the spring (February-March) of every school year.

Both Pathways begin in August/September of each school year.

For more information, contact Alternative Certification at AlternativeCertification@browardschools.com.

To participate in one of these Pathways, you must have a valid state-issued Temporary Teaching Certificate and Statement of Status of Eligibility (SOE).

Alternative Certification for Educators (ACE) Program

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time PreK-12 Classroom Teacher of record in a BCPS or affiliated Charter school
- Must be teaching in-field (teaching what is on your Temporary Certificate)
- Be organized and possess a growth mindset to complete online tasks
- General Knowledge Test (GKT) requirements: (Reading, Math, English Language Skills, & Essay)
 - Evidence of passing all subtests
 - Completion of a master's degree or higher from an accredited postsecondary institution recognized by the FDOE OR
 - Evidence of attempted the GKT
- Completed one year of teaching in BCPS with an Effective Evaluation
- Must attend the Mandatory Virtual ACE Orientation
- Cost: None

Program Expectations:

- Mastery of ALL assigned tasks aligned to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) submitted via an electronic portfolio
- Successful completion of New Teacher Academy (NTA) as evidenced by LAB Transcript
- Completion of Reading Endorsement competencies per subject area:
 - PreK/Primary (Age 3 – Grade 3), Elementary (K-6), ESOL (K-12), Middle Grades English (5-9) and English (6-12) must complete Reading Endorsement Competencies 1-5 OR successfully pass the Reading K-12 subject area exam (until June 2024)
 - All others must complete BVU Reading Endorsement Competencies 1 & 2
- Ongoing District Coach Support will be provided

Broward Educator Certification (BEC) Pathway

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time PreK-12 Classroom Teacher or Instructional Staff in a BCPS or affiliated Charter school
- Possess a growth mindset for college coursework
- Able to enroll at Broward College or Florida Atlantic University as a non-degree-seeking student
- Must attend the Mandatory Virtual BEC Orientation
- Cost: One-time application fee and course materials

Pathway Expectations:

- Successful completion of all coursework with a grade of "C" or better
- Adhere to a provided Schedule of Courses
- Seek District Coach Support, as needed

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