

Overview of Florida's Pathways to the Professional and Temporary Certificates

Direct Pathways to a Professional Certificate

1. Valid Standard Certificate Issued by Another State
2. Valid Certificate Issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
3. Florida State-Approved Teacher Preparation Program and Passing Florida Certification Examinations
4. Out-of-State Teacher Education Degree Program and Passing Florida Certification Examinations
5. Educator Preparation Institute Program and Florida Certification Examinations
6. Two semesters of college teaching experience and passing the Florida Subject Area and Professional Education Examinations

Pathways to a Temporary Certificate

(For applicants who do not meet all requirements for a Professional Certificate)

1. Bachelor's degree with a Major in the Content Area
2. Bachelor's Degree with Required Courses and 2.5 GPA in the Content Area
3. Bachelor's Degree with a Passing Score on the Florida Subject Area Examination (for bachelor's level subjects)
4. Bachelor's Degree with a Valid Certificate Issued by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)

Pathways to Move from a Temporary to a Professional Certificate

1. Professional Preparation College Courses, Teaching Experience, Demonstration of Professional Education Competence in the Classroom, and Florida Certification Examinations
2. District Professional Development Certification Program and Florida Certification Examinations
3. Valid ABCTE Certificate and Demonstration of Professional Education Competence in the Classroom
4. Approved College Professional Training Option for a Content Major, Teaching Experience, Demonstration of Professional Education Competence in the Classroom, and Florida Certification Examinations