### Prek Disabilities

**Who needs:** teachers certified in any ESE area, primary education, elementary education (K-6), and/or early childhood education teaching prek-age children birth through two years or three through five years for courses numbered 7650030 or 7650130.

**Who doesn't need:** teachers certified in preschool education and/or prek/primary or those that can document at least two full years of teaching experience (including satisfactory teaching evaluations) with prekindergarten children with disabilities between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2011.

**Alternatives to Endorsement:**
- take the subject area test and receive certification in preschool and/or prek/primary
  - [http://www.fl.nesinc.com/](http://www.fl.nesinc.com/)
- **Endorsement requirements:**
  - [http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-01792.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-01792.asp)
- **Resources for teachers:**
  - Course offerings by universities
  - Florida’s Virtual ESE Distance Learning Program
    - Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist includes courses applicable to the prekindergarten disabilities endorsement
    - [http://virtualese.florida-ese.org](http://virtualese.florida-ese.org)
  - Universities may have additional funding through various federal grants

### Severe or Profound Disabilities

**Who needs:** primary instructors for students in K-12 with more than 50% of their students identified as profoundly mentally handicapped or with a dual sensory impairment or who teach courses in Course Code Directory listed under the “Participatory Levels: 9-12” will need to be certified in an ESE area and have the endorsement.

**Who doesn't need:** teachers certified in mentally handicapped, mental retardation or intellectual disabilities.

**Alternatives to Endorsement:** none

**Endorsement requirements:**
- [http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-01793.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-01793.asp)

### Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Who needs:** ESE teachers with 100% of students on their caseload or in their class identified as having autism spectrum disorder will need to be certified in an ESE area and have an endorsement in autism spectrum disorder or severe or profound disabilities.

**Who doesn't need:** teachers certified in an ESE area with the endorsement in Severe or Profound Disabilities or those that can document at least two full years of teaching experience (including satisfactory teaching evaluations) with students with ASD between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2011.

**Alternatives to Endorsement:** none

**Endorsement requirements:**
- [http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-01796.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-01796.asp)

**Resources for teachers:**
- Course offerings by universities
- Florida’s Virtual ESE Distance Learning Program
  - [http://virtualese.florida-ese.org](http://virtualese.florida-ese.org)
- Tuition support is available through the ASD Endorsement Support Program (contingent on funding through the Personnel Development Support Project) and universities may have additional funding through various federal grants.