



ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

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Alternative Certification Pathways Overview

The **Alternative Certification for Educators (ACE) Program** is a Professional Learning 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), Florida Atlantic (FAU) and St. Thomas University (STU). All classes are tuition-free, online, and aligned to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs).

The application window opens in the spring (March - June) of every school year. Pathways begin in August/September of each school year. For more information, contact Alternative Certification at AlternativeCertification@browardschools.com.

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 in any subject area confirmed by the FDOE
 - Evidence of a failed attempt with three consecutive years of overall evaluation available during the validity period of the temporary certificate
- Completed one year of teaching in BCPS with an Effective Evaluation
- Must attend the Mandatory Virtual ACE Orientation

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.
 - All other subject areas 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, Florida Atlantic, or St. Thomas University as a non-degree-seeking student
- Must attend the Mandatory Virtual BEC Orientation
- Cost: An application fee and course materials

Program Expectations:

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

Eligibility Requirements:

Pathway Expectations:

