

BESE Portal

Professional Development Alternatives

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The Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education, offers a selection of online courses, model lessons, and webinars to Florida educators to increase their ability to respond to needs of students with disabilities.

Facilitated Courses 2021-2022

To register, go to fl-pda.org

On the left side under Facilitated Courses and select "PDA Coordinator" at the FDLRS center that serves your district.

Facilitated Professional Development Courses		Facilitated Endorsement Courses
60 inservice credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment & Evaluation • Foundations of Exceptional Student Education • Instructional Practices • PBS: Understanding Student Behavior • Transition • Differentiating Reading Instruction (<i>May provide credit for Competency 4 of the FL Reading Endorsement</i>) 	<p>Gifted Endorsement Courses 60 inservice credits per course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and Needs of Students Who Are Gifted • Theory and Development of Creativity • Guidance and Counseling for the Gifted • Special Populations of Gifted Students • Curriculum Development for the Gifted
40 inservice credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Structured Literacy 	
30 inservice credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiating Mathematics Instruction • Differentiating Science Instruction 	<p>Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Endorsement Courses 80 inservice credits per course (all include field experience)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature, Needs, Assessment and Diagnosis of ASD • Augmentative/Alternative Communication Systems and Assistive/Instructional Technology for Students with ASD • Applied Behavioral Analysis and Positive Behavior Supports for Students with ASD
20 inservice credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging Learners through Informative Assessment • Introduction to Differentiating Instruction • Technology for the Diverse Classroom • Introduction to Assistive Technology • Technology to Support Reading Comprehension 	
5 inservice credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrix of Services • Surrogate Parent 	

Independent Study Courses

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On the right side under Independent Study Courses, select "Sign-in" to create an account and then enroll.

Independent study courses are available in a variety of topics listed below, ranging from non-credit to 20 inservice credits.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment & Evaluation • Behavior & Classroom Management • Content Areas • Curriculum & Instruction • Deaf & Hard of Hearing • ESE Policies & Procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional Practices (e.g., Differentiated Inst., UDL) • Language and Communication • MTSS • Pre-Kindergarten • Secondary Transition • Subject Area Exam Preparation |
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