

Bradford County School District
Requirements for a Florida Educators Certificate
(FL Statute 1012.56)

Bachelor's Degree in Education (core subjects):

- Hold an acceptable bachelor's degree in an area that Florida offers certification. Such as Math, Policat Science, Business, History, English, Science, Elem Ed... any core area is acceptable for evaluation.
 1. Apply online for an evaluation of transcripts. Must send Official Transcripts to FLDOE Teachers Bureau to receive the specialized requirements for each area of certification:
<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/> Cost is \$75.00 per subject area.
 2. Once the evaluation is complete, a Statement of Eligibility will be issued explaining your eligibility for either a Temporary or a Professional Teaching Certificate covering the area applied for.

Master's Degree required for all specialty areas:

- Must hold a Master's Degree in the following areas and pass the subject area exam to be eligible for certification.
 - Administration of Adult Education, Educational Leadership, School Psychologist, Guidance and Counseling (practicum in a school setting), Speech Language Impaired, Reading

Steps for obtaining a

Temporary Educator Certification with a Bachelor's in a NON-EDUCATIONAL DEGREE (e.g.Criminology)

- **Take and pass the subject area exam** for desired certification – www.fl.nesinc.com or present a passing score on the appropriate Florida Subject Area Exam (earned within the last 10 years).
- **Apply online for an evaluation** of transcripts (must send Official Transcripts to FLDOE Teachers Bureau) or to receive the specialized requirements for each area of certification: Cost is \$75.00 per subject
<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/>
- **You will receive a Statement of Eligibility**- listing all requirement to obtain a Professional teaching Certificate. All requirements must be completed within a three year period, the validity Period of your temporary certificate, or before the expiration date.
- Upon employment and fingerprinting you will receive your Temporary Certificate, valid for three years.

Moving to a Professional Certificate with a non-educational degree:

- **1st year of employment** - Take and pass the Subject Area exam is recommended during first year.
- **2nd & 3rd year of employment** - Take and pass the General Knowledge exam (all four parts).
 - Take and pass Subject Area Exam
 - Take and pass the Professional Education exam – <http://www.fl.nesinc.com>
 - Successfully complete a Professional Education Competency Program. Prof Development Dept.

Reciprocity -Certificates are acceptable from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Department of Defense Educational Authority (DODEA, formerly DODDS), American Samoa, and the N Marianas.

- Send a copy of your valid out of state Certificate and official transcripts to the Florida Department of Education for an official evaluation. Apply to <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/> \$75.00 per subject area.

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