

## Athletic Coaching Certification

As per Florida Statute 1012.55(2), each person who is employed and renders service as an Athletic Coach in any public school in any district of this state shall hold a valid Temporary or Professional certificate or an Athletic Coaching certificate.

If you do not hold a valid Temporary or Professional certificate issued by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)/Bureau of Educator Certification (BEC), then you must apply for the Athletic Coaching certificate.

There are two types of Athletic Coaching Certificates, the one-time only, 3-year non-renewable and the 5-year non-renewable.

### 3-year Athletic Coaching Certificate (non-renewable and one-time only)

Process:

- **Apply and pay online at [www.fldoe.org/edcert](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert)**
- Submit any documents requested by BEC.  
**\*\*\*Application will not be processed until all items are received by BEC\*\*\***

Once the application is processed, BEC will issue an Official Statement of Status of Eligibility (SOE) which outlines the requirements to complete for the 3-year Athletic Coaching Certificate. Those requirements may include the following:

- Employment verification
- Results of fingerprints processing from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. (Fingerprints cannot be older than a year). HR Will submit your prints to DOE for processing.

Once the employment verification and the cleared fingerprint results have been received at BEC, the **non-renewable and one-time only** 3-year Athletic Coaching certificate will be issued.

**Please note/Important:** To continue employment as a Part-Time coach after the expiration of the 3-year Athletic Coaching certificate; you must be **eligible** for the 5-year Athletic Coaching certificate.

### 5-year Athletic Coaching Certificate

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nine (9) semester hours in athletic coaching to include the following areas:
  - Coaching theory
  - Theory and practice of coaching a specific sport
  - Care and prevention of athletic injuries and the effects and dangers of drug use including enhancing drugs..
- A valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course completion card or equivalent (See Athletic Director or HR for approved courses.)

These course requirements can be met through actual college courses or a District in-service Add-On program for Athletic Coaching

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To Move to a 5 year Professional Athletic Coaching Certification take

<https://coacheducation.humankinetics.com/collections/coaching-courses>

3 courses Needed:

1. Coaching Principles (choose paperback or Ebook course)
2. Sports First Aid (choose paperback or Ebook course)
3. Advanced Specific Sport (coach chooses one type of sport course to take)

CPR

Needed-<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr?latitude=29.9441298&longitude=-82.1098275&searchtype=class&zip=starke%2C%20fl&zipcode=32091>

If the above-mentioned requirements are not completed, BEC will not make the applicant eligible for the 5-year Athletic Coaching Certificate and will not issue another 3-year Athletic Coaching Certificate. **The 3-year Athletic Coaching certificate is a one-time only certificate.**

Process:

- Apply and pay online at [www.fldoe.org/edcert](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert)
- Submit evidence of valid CPR card or equivalent  
<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr?latitude=29.9441298&longitude=-82.1098275&searchtype=class&zip=starke%2C%20fl&zipcode=32091>
- Submit official transcripts showing completion of the required nine (9) semester college credit hours in athletic coaching or evidence of completion of the District Add on Athletic Coaching Program (done through NEFEC).

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If there is a break in continuity between two 5-year certificate periods, additional fingerprints may be required.

**As per FLDOE/BEC, the 5-year Athletic Coaching Certificate is not a renewable certificate. Consequently, each 5-year certificate application is considered an initial certificate application. Therefore, the applicant must satisfy the specialization requirements that are in effect at the time of each application.**

### Contact Information

Florida Department of Education/Bureau of Educator Certification

U.S. Toll-Free: 800-445-6739

Outside U.S.: 850-245-5049

Website - <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/index.shtml>

Online Application Technical Support [FLCertify@fldoe.org](mailto:FLCertify@fldoe.org)

Online Contact Educator Certification - <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/staff-contact/contact-us.shtml>

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