



If you like Substitute Teaching, Consider Becoming a Certified Teacher!

Do you hold a bachelor's degree or higher? If so, you may be closer to becoming a certified teacher than you think!

Not everyone earned a college degree with the intent of becoming a teacher. That's why the Florida Department of Education has an alternate route to becoming certified.

The list of Florida Certification Coverages and the Frequently Acceptable Degree Majors on the following pages is a guide to the various degree majors and corresponding areas of certification. If you find that your degree is a match, why not apply for certification?

The Florida Department of Education's online application system requires the completed application, the application fee and an official sealed transcript to process your application. Once all items are received, the FLDOE will process your application and send you an Official Statement of Eligibility. This is the document that will advise as to your eligibility for certification and the next steps in the process.

If you are not eligible for the area of certification for which you applied, don't worry. Most coverages are attainable through the passing of a Subject Area Exam. There are some exceptions which require a specific graduate degree such as Educational Leadership, School Counseling, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Reading (K-12) and Speech Language Impaired.

The Human Resources Department cannot evaluate your transcript to determine your initial eligibility. However, the Human Resources Department has a Certification Specialist on staff that can guide you through the next steps once you have received your Statement of Eligibility.

Apply for Certification: [Educator Certification \(fldoe.org\)](https://fldoe.org/educator-certification)

Subject Area Exams: [FTCE/FELE Home \(nesinc.com\)](https://nesinc.com/ftce-fele)

Florida Certification Coverage	Frequently Acceptable Degree Major(s)
Agriculture	Agriculture, General Agriculture, Vocational Agriculture
Art	Art, Art Education, Fine Arts (major, not degree type), Architecture, Interior Design, Fashion Design, Commercial Art, One Area of Art (Painting, Sculpture, etc.)
Arabic	Arabic
Biology	Bacteriology, Biology, Biological Sciences, Biomechanics, Botany, Dentistry, Doctor of Medicine, Physiology, Exercise Physiology, Genetics, Kinesiology, Life Science, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Zoology, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy.
Business Education	Business Education, Business Administration
Chemistry	Biochemistry, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Doctor of Pharmacy
Chinese	Chinese
Computer Science	Computer Science, Computer Programming, Computer Technology, Computer Engineering.
Dance	Dance, Dance Education
Drama	Acting, Drama, Dramatic Arts, Theatre, Theatre Arts, One Area of Drama (Directing, etc.)
Earth-Space Science	Astronomy, Climatology, Earth Science, Geology, Metallurgy, Meteorology, Oceanography, Paleontology, Physical Geography, Space Science
Educational Leadership	Educational Administration, Administration and Supervision, Educational Leadership, Educational Management and Development, School Principal (master's level)
Educational Media Specialist	Educational Media, Educational Media Technology, Instructional Media, Library Science (not Technology Education)
Elementary Education (K-6)	Elementary Education 1-6, K-6, N/K-6, K-3, K-4, K-8, K-9, Upper Elementary 4-6
Engineering and Technology Education	Industrial Arts, Industrial Technology Education, Industrial Education, Industrial Arts-Technology Education, Technology Education
English	English, Literature (English), Creative Writing, Language Arts
English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
Exceptional Student Education (ESE)	Special Education, Mild and Moderate Needs, Teacher of the Handicapped, Varying Exceptionalities, Behavioral Disorders, BD/LD, Emotionally Conflicted, Emotionally Disturbed, Emotionally Handicapped, Socially and Emotionally Maladjusted, Educable Mentally Retarded, Children with Retarded Mental Development (CRMD), Intellectual Disabilities, Mentally Handicapped, Mentally Impaired, Mental Retardation, Profoundly Mentally Retarded, Severely and Profoundly Mentally Retarded, Trainable Mentally Retarded, Learning Disabilities, Specific Learning Disabilities, Motor Disabilities, Orthopedically Handicapped, Physically Handicapped, Physically Impaired
Family and Consumer Science	Home Economics, Vocational Home Economics, Family and Consumer Science
Farsi	Farsi
French	French
German	German
Greek	Greek
Haitian-Creole	Haitian-Creole
Health	Allied Health, Health, Health Education, Health Services, Nursing (BS), Public Health, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Doctor of Dental Science, Doctor of Osteopathy
Hearing Impaired	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Deaf Education, Hearing Disabilities, Hearing Impaired, Hearing Science, Education of Deaf-Blind
Hebrew	Hebrew

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Hindi	Hindi
Humanities	Humanities, Classical Studies
Italian	Italian
Japanese	Japanese
Latin	Latin
Marketing	Distributive Education, Marketing, Marketing Education
Mathematics	Mathematics, Mathematics Education, Engineering (Civil, Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical, Aeronautical/Aerospace, or Nuclear), Statistics, Actuarial Science
Middle Grades English	Middle Grades English, Middle Grades Language Arts, Middle School English Education, Junior High School English, English, Literature (English), Creative Writing, Language Arts Literature (English), Creative Writing
Middle Grades General Science	Middle Grades Science, Teaching Middle School Science, Junior High Science, Middle School Science Education, General Science
Middle Grades Mathematics	Middle Grades Mathematics, Teaching Middle School Mathematics, Junior High Mathematics, Middle School Mathematics Education, Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering (Civil, Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical, Aeronautical/Aerospace, or Nuclear), Actuarial Science
Middle Grades Social Science	Middle Grades Social Science, Teaching Middle School Social Science, Junior High Social Science, Middle School Social Science Education, Social Science, Social Studies, American History, History, Western Civilization, World History, Geography, Economic Geography, (and other specialized areas of geography) Economics, Civics, Government, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Educational Psychology (and other specialized areas of Psychology)
Music	Applied Music, Instrumental Music, Music, Music Education, Piano or other major instrument, Vocal Music, Voice, Composition (music), Percussion
Physical Education (K-12)	Physical Education (any grade level with student teaching)
Physics	Aeronautical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Physics, Physics, Thermodynamics, Nuclear Engineering
Portuguese	Portuguese
Prekindergarten/Primary Education	Early Childhood Education if NK-3, NK-4, or Birth-Age 8; P-5, N-6, NK-6, Prekindergarten/Primary Education
Preschool Education	Nursery School Education, Preschool Education, Birth-Age 4, Birth-Age 8
Reading	Reading (master's degree level)
Russian	Russian
School Counseling (formerly Guidance & Counseling)	School Guidance and Counseling, School Counseling, School Guidance (master's degree level)
School Psychologist	School Psychology (specialist's degree level)
School Social Work	Social Work, Social Worker, Social Welfare
Social Science	Social Science, Social Studies, American History, History, Western Civilization, World History, Geography, Economic Geography (and other specialized areas of geography), Economics, Civics, Government, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Educational Psychology (and other specialized areas of Psychology)
Spanish	Spanish
Speech-Language Impaired	Communication Disorders, Speech Correction, Speech and Hearing Science, Speech-Language Impaired, Speech Pathology, Speech Pathology, Audiology (master's degree level)
Turkish	Turkish