

# Certification Pathways

**Professional Teacher Certificate,**  
§1012.56, FS. 5 years,  
Renewable as described in law (a)-(i)

## **Basic Requirements**

- a. 18 years old
- b. Swear to uphold the constitution of Florida.
- c. Bachelor's degree or higher (2.5 GPA)
- d. Background screening
- e. Good moral character
- f. Competent and capable

## **g. General Knowledge**

- Pass GK test, or
- Out of state certificates, or
- 2 semester college teaching, or
- GRE after July 1, 2015, or
- National/American Board certification, or
- Master's degree or higher, or
- 3 years E or HE

## **h. Subject Area Knowledge**

- Pass subject area test, or
- Out of state certificates, or
- National /American Board Certification, or
- Master's degree in field

## **i. Professional Knowledge**

- Courses and Professional Education Test (or 3 years of E or HE), or
- Out of State test/licensure, or
- National/American Board certification, or
- PLCP and Professional Education Test (or HE prior year)

**Temporary Certificate,**  
§ 1012.56, FS. 5 years,  
Non-renewable

## **Basic Requirements**

(a)–(f)

## **Requirement to upgrade to Professional Certificate:**

(g), (h), and (i)  
(c = SAE)

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**Temporary Military Certificate\***  
§ 1012.56, FS. 5 years,  
Non-renewable

## **Basic Requirements**

(a)-(f), *except* (c), (h),

60 hours of college credit, 2.5 GPA, and 48 months military service

## **Requirement to upgrade to Professional Certificate:**

(c), (g), and (i)

**Temporary Teacher Internship Certificate\***  
§ 1012.56 FS. 5 years,  
Non-renewable

## **Basic Requirements**

(a)-(f), *except* (c), (h),

60 hours college credit, 2.5 GPA, and active participant in teacher preparation internship or field experience.

## **Requirement to upgrade to Professional Certificate:**

(c), (g), and (i)

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**Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Certificate\***  
§ 1012.56, FS. 5 years,  
Non-renewable

## **Basic Requirements**

(a)-(f), (h), *except* (c)

Must have Associate of Arts degree, 3.0 GPA, and be an active participant in a state approved Teacher Apprenticeship program, and mentor required.

## **Requirements to upgrade to Professional Certificate:**

(c), (g), and (i)

**District Issued/State Approved Adjunct Certificate\***  
§ 1012.56, 1012.57 FS. 1 year (max 5 years for F/T, Non-renewable, Not upgradable)

## **Basic Requirements**

(a)-(f) and initial and periodic background screening; demonstrate expertise in the subject area to be taught through passage of a subject area test or has achieved an industry certification in the subject area to be taught.

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## **NOTES:**

\*ESE Certification requires a bachelor's degree due to IDEA requirements.

\*\*All certificates except apprenticeship certificate allow individual to serve as teacher of record.



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