



# Steps to Certification

(for College graduates of non-education programs)

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## Steps to Temporary Certification

1. Decide what you would like to teach
  - Select a Subject Area **-or-**
  - Grade Level (ie, Elementary K-6)
2. Apply for a Temporary Certificate
  - CG-10 Application, \$75.00 fee
  - Send official transcripts to Florida Department of Education
3. Official Statement of Status of Eligibility
  - Valid for 3 years
4. Find employment in a school district
  - Submit Fingerprints
  - Temporary Certificate (valid for three years while working on the remaining requirements)

## Course Work Requirement

The statement of status of eligibility may list coursework as a requirement. At FGCU, we offer courses that meet the teacher certification requirement.

## List of Certification Courses at FGCU

### Core Courses

EDF 6432	Foundations of Measurement
EDG 6356	Instructional Models & Strategies
EDF 6259	Classroom Management & Organization
EDF 6215	Learning Principles
RED 5147L	Developmental Reading

### Courses for Secondary Teachers

LAE 6325	Language Arts Methods 6-12
SCE 6366	Science Methods 6-12
MAE 6336	Math Methods 6-12
SSE 6326	Social Studies Methods 6-12

## How to take Certification Courses at FGCU

- Complete FGCU non-degree application and return it to FGCU Graduate Admissions with \$30 application fee
- Forms available at <http://www.fgcu.edu/graduate/nondegree.html>
- Include proof of residency and immunization with your non-degree application
- Register for courses via Gulflink website

## Steps to Professional Licensure

1. Take and pass the General Knowledge Test or passing CLAST scores prior to 7/1/02
2. Meet Subject Area Requirements
  - College Major **-or-**
  - Meet Course Requirements **-and-**
  - Passing Subject Area Exam (SAE)
3. Professional Education Requirement
  - Course Requirements
  - Pass Professional Education Test
  - Field experience (1 year teaching in classroom)

## Florida Teacher Certification Exams

### General Knowledge Test (GKT)

The GK is a test of basic skills and consist of four subtest:

- Essay
- English Language Skills (ELS)
- Reading
- Mathematics

The subtests consist of multiple-choice questions, except for the Essay subtest, which consists of one essay. The subtest may be registered for separately and taken separately; subtests may be passed at separate administrations to achieve a passing score on the overall test. If the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) was taken & passed in Florida prior to July 1, 2002, GKT requirement may be waived.

### Professional Education Test (PEd)

The PEd is a test of pedagogy, professional practices, and Code of Ethics. It consists of multiple-choice questions.

### Subject Area Exam (SAE)

There are 42 different subjects. Most SAE's consist of only multiple-choice questions, but some also include an essay, recorded speaking and listening sections, or a videotaped section.