

**Proposed Certification Rule Amendments
June 20, 2006, State Board of Education**

Rule Number-Title	Current Situation	Rationale for Changes
<p>6A-4.006 General and Professional Preparation</p>	<p>In addition to traditional college education programs, district alternative certification programs, and Educator Preparation Institutes, Section 1012.56(5) (f), FS. provides an additional pathway for non-teacher trained beginning teachers to satisfy the mastery of professional preparation and education competence requirement for a Professional Certificate. This option requires completion of college courses as specified in State Board Rule (6A-4.006) in combination with a passing score on the Professional Education Section of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination and classroom demonstration of educator teaching competence. The current requirements in rule for this college course analysis and classroom experience option have not been substantially revised in decades. (See bullet one in the options section of the attached Pathways to Certification document).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The requirements for Florida <u>college</u> preparation programs have been updated and were approved by the Board in January 2006. ◆ The requirements for the other pathways already reflect the most critical competencies for teachers in improving student achievement. The new education training program for content majors (minor) is to be based on the course requirements of this professional preparation rule. Thus, these revisions are proposed to align the requirements of this pathway to the priority competencies of the other preparation options and to provide the most critical skills for the education minor for content major option. ◆ The revisions will streamline the course requirements and make the option consistent with the other plans by incorporating the most critical competencies for new teachers for student success: classroom management, reading, assessment, and using student data to improve learning. ◆ Being an open and flexible state with multiple certification pathways, it is important for alignment of all plans to address the need for more than 32,000 new hires for next school year.
<p>6A-4.002 General Provisions</p>	<p>The current rule does not include clarification that in order for Florida to accept a national certificate to satisfy requirements that the certificate issued by national agency shall be in a subject in which Florida certifies and at the degree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ With the expansion of the subject areas issued by national certification agencies, it is very important to clarify via rule that the national certificate must be issued in an area and at the degree level in which Florida offers certification. ◆ The rule amendment is proposed that one year of

	<p>level that Florida requires. The teaching experience section of the rule is not in alignment with the proposed changes in the above rule, 6A-4.006.</p>	<p>teaching experience be accepted to satisfy only one 3 semester hour course rather than 6 semester hours since the course hours have been reduced and streamlined in the above proposed changes to Rule 6A-4.006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The amendments are necessary to align the rule with the proposed changes in the above rule (6A-4.006).◆ These 2 rules must move together or the requirements will be misaligned and implementation not possible.