# Routes to a Florida Professional Certificate

## Initial Teacher Preparation (ITP) Program
- Florida state-approved initial teacher preparation program at the undergraduate or graduate level **AND**
- Passing scores on the General Knowledge (GK) Test, the Professional Education (Prof Ed) Test, and the Subject Area Examination (SAE)

## Educator Preparation Institute (EPI)
- Florida state-approved Educator Preparation Institute program at the post-baccalaureate level **AND**
- Passing scores on the GK, Prof Ed and SAE

## Out-of-State Certificate
- A valid standard certificate issued by another U.S. state or territory
- [http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways/routes/certified-teacher-or-administrator.stml](http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways/routes/certified-teacher-or-administrator.stml)

## District Professional Development Certification Program (PDCP)
- Florida state-approved District Professional Development Certification Program provided by a Florida public school district **AND**
- Passing scores on the GK, Prof Ed and SAE **AND**
- Participate while employed as a teacher in a Florida public school district under a valid Florida Temporary Certificate

## National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
- A valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

## American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)
- A valid certificate issued by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence **AND**
- An approved Professional Education Competence (PEC) demonstration program at a Florida public, state-supported, or state- approved private school while employed as a teacher under a valid Florida Temporary Certificate
- [http://www.abcte.org/teach/florida](http://www.abcte.org/teach/florida)

## Professional Training Option (PTO)
- Professional Training Option at the undergraduate or graduate level **AND**
- An approved Professional Education Competence (PEC) demonstration program at a Florida public, state-supported, or state- approved private school while employed as a teacher under a valid Temporary Certificate **AND**
- One year of full-time teaching experience in an elementary or secondary public, state-supported, or state-approved private school OR six semester hours earned in college student teaching or a supervised internship **AND**
- Passing scores on the GK, Prof Ed and SAE

## College Teaching Experience
- Two (2) semesters of acceptable college teaching experience **AND**
- Passing scores on the ProfEd and SAE

## Professional Preparation – College Coursework
- A minimum of 15 semester hours of education courses as specified in [State Board of Education Rule 6A-4.006](http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements/professional-preparation-edu-competenc.stml) at an accredited or approved college or university **AND**
- An approved Professional Education Competence (PEC) demonstration program at a Florida public, state-supported, or state- approved private school while employed as a teacher under a valid Temporary Certificate **AND**
- One year of full-time teaching experience in an elementary or secondary public, state-supported, or state-approved private school OR six semester hours earned in college student teaching or a supervised internship **AND**
- Passing scores on the GK, Prof Ed and SAE

## Illustrative: Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
- Hold a master’s degree in a STEM field
- Teach an approved high school STEM course with a 6-12 STEM certification
- Passing scores on the GK, Prof Ed and SAE
- Earn a highly effective rating based in part on student performance on a national or state assessment (AP, AICE, EOC, IB) for the STEM high school course

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