

6A-4.002 General Provisions.

(1) Educator's certificates.

(a) No change.

(b) An applicant for a Florida educator's certificate shall be governed by Florida Statutes and rules for the temporary and professional certificates that are in effect at the time of application and qualification for the initial certificate provided successive certificates are issued for consecutive school fiscal years. An individual who permits a three-year temporary certificate per Rule 6A-4.004, F.A.C., to expire for at least one (1) school fiscal year may secure another full-time certificate in accordance with Florida Statutes and rules for temporary and professional certificates which are in effect at the time the most recent application is received in the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education.

(c) through (m) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) College credit. College credit used for educator certification purposes shall be undergraduate or graduate credit earned at an accredited or approved institution or recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) as specified in Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C. All college credit shall be computed by semester hours. One (1) quarter hour of college credit shall equal two-thirds (2/3) of one (1) semester hour. Community and junior college credit used for educator certification purposes shall parallel those of the first and second years of course work at an accredited or approved institution and shall be comparable to courses offered at Florida state, community and junior colleges which have been approved by the Florida Department of Education.

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) A grade of at least "C" or the equivalent shall be earned in each course used for meeting professional preparation requirements pursuant to Rule subsection 6A-4.006(2), F.A.C. A grade of pass shall be acceptable under the pass or fail grading system.

(4) Examinations. The examinations used for demonstration of mastery of general knowledge, professional education competence, and subject area knowledge shall be aligned with student standards approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to Sections 1012.56(4) and (9)(f), F.S., and Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Effective for tests administered on or after July 1, 2015, achievement of passing scores, as identified by the

State Board of Education pursuant to ~~Rule subsection~~ 6A-4.0021(12), F.A.C., on test sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) revised General Test shall satisfy the requirement for mastery of general knowledge as demonstrated on the comparable and relevant subtests of the General Knowledge (GK) Test of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE), as follows:

1. through (3) No change.

(5) No change.

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