

**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 ~~five~~ 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.

(n) A three-year temporary certificate issued under 6A-4.004(1), F.A.C., which is valid as of March 27, 2023, is automatically modified to a five-year temporary certificate beginning from the date of issuance of the temporary certificate unless the temporary certificate has been extended for two (2) years under the provisions of Rule 6A-4.004(1)(c), F.A.C. The automatic extension of temporary certificates to five (5) years does not apply to specialized temporary certificates issued for military veterans, covering speech-language impaired, or covering educational leadership, or athletic coaching certificates, issued under the provision of Rule 6A-4.004(2), (4), (5), or (6), F.A.C., or a temporary certificate issued to exchange teachers under the provisions of Rule 6A-4.002(6)(c), F.A.C.

(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. For purposes of converting quarter grade points to semester grade points, o~~ne~~ One (1) quarter hour of college credit shall equal two-thirds (2/3) of one (1) semester hour. State and c~~ommunity 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 and, community and junior colleges that which have been approved by the Florida Department of Education.

(a) No change.

(b) Course credit for college teaching experience. Teaching a college credit course, excluding courses for ~~developmental credit academic remediation~~, at an accredited or approved institution as described in Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C., shall be accepted the same as credit earned in that course to meet a specific course requirement for certification. A written statement from the registrar or other official designated by the president verifying the college teaching experience shall be filed with the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education.

(c) College teaching experience. College teaching experience for satisfying mastery of general knowledge and mastery of professional preparation and education competence per Section 1012.56(3) and (6), F.S., must be earned if the individual is a full or part-time employee or contractor of the college or university in at least two (2) separate college or university semesters or equivalent quarters as the instructor of record. Documentation of college teaching experience must be an official letter on institution letterhead signed by the chief human resources officer, registrar or dean, or designee, from the accredited or approved institution as described in Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C. The letter must verify the following information:

1. The beginning and ending dates of employment or contract; and

2. For each instance where the employee or contractor served as instructor of record, a list of each course taught with the beginning and ending dates, prefix, course number, and credit hours awarded to students.

~~(c) Teaching faculty. Documentation of college teaching experience related to mastery of general knowledge and mastery of professional preparation and education competence shall be an official letter from the registrar or dean from the accredited or approved institution verifying the dates of employment, and the prefix, number, and credit hours of the courses taught. The college teaching experience must have:~~

~~1. Been earned in at least two (2) separate college or university terms;~~

~~2. Resulted in earned college level credit for the students in at least one (1) course each term; and,~~

~~3. Been earned while a member of the teaching faculty at the accredited or approved institution as a:~~

~~a. Full time member of the teaching faculty of a college (Section 1012.82, F.S.), or a full time equivalent teaching faculty member at a university (Section 1012.945, F.S.); or~~

~~b. Part time member of the teaching faculty with total college teaching experience equivalent to at least two (2) semesters of full time experience.~~

(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 6A-4.006(2), F.A.C. A grade of pass shall be acceptable under the pass or fail grading system and a grade of satisfactory shall be acceptable under a satisfactory/unstisfactory grading system.

(4) No change.

(5) Teaching experience.

(a) Definition of teaching experience. Teaching experience as used in Florida State Board of Education rules for educator certification purposes shall be defined as full-time teaching, administrative, or supervisory service.

1. No change.

2. Teaching experience used for degreed career and technical class subjects shall be gained in an elementary or secondary school as specified in subparagraph (5)(a)1. of this rule, school district postsecondary technical career center under Section 1001.44, F.S., charter technical career center under Section 1002.34, F.S., or a Florida College System institution. ~~in a public or state supported vocational or technical school, or in an accredited community or junior college as described in Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C.~~

(b) through (c) No change.

(6) No change.

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