

**6A-4.004 Florida Educator’s Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages.**

A Florida educator’s certificate is issued to an applicant with academic, administrative, degreed career and technical, and specialty class coverages as specified below.

(1) Temporary certificate.

(a) The five-year nonrenewable temporary certificate may be issued to an applicant who does not qualify for the professional certificate but meets the following requirements:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Satisfies the fingerprint requirement as follows:

a. Submits the original fingerprint reports which have been processed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as specified below:

(I) No change.

(II) Fingerprints shall have been submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for agency review within the twelve month period immediately preceding the beginning validity date of the certificate which is issued; or

b. No change.

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(2) through (4) No change.

(5) Professional certificate.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Specialized professional certificates for personnel providing student support services, as defined in Section 1012.01(2)(b) and (c), F.S.

1. The eligibility requirements for a professional certificate described in paragraph (5)(a) are modified for the coverage areas set forth below in sub-subparagraphs (c)1.a. and b.

a. The requirement to demonstrate mastery of professional preparation and educational competence found in Section 1012.56(2)(i), F.S., (which applies to a classroom teacher or school administrator) does not apply to certificates for education media specialist, school counseling, school psychologist, school social work and speech language impaired;

b. Per Section 1012.55(5), F.S., the requirement to demonstrate mastery of general knowledge as specified in Section 1012.56(2)(g), F.S., and the requirement to demonstrate subject area knowledge as specified in Section 1012.56(2)(h), F.S., does not apply to a professional certificate for school social work; however, an applicant must satisfy the specialization requirements for school social work set forth in Rule 6A-4.035, F.A.C.

2. Subject area coverages and endorsements as defined in Rule 6A-4.002(1)(d) and (e), F.A.C., may not be added to specialized professional certificates.

~~(d)(e)~~ No change.

(6) through (8) No change.

~~(9) Restricted professional certificate.~~

~~(a) A restricted professional certificate is a renewable type of certificate valid for five (5) school years issued by the Department of Education to an applicant who meets the following eligibility requirements:~~

~~1. Completes the application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C.; and~~

~~2. Satisfies all eligibility criteria specified in Section 1012.56(2), F.S., except for mastery of general knowledge per Section 1012.56(3), F.S.~~

~~3. A restricted professional certificate is only available to instructional personnel who are not classroom teachers, as defined in Section 1012.01(2), F.S., in the following subject areas:~~

~~a. Educational Media Specialist;~~

~~b. School Counseling;~~

~~e. School Psychologist;~~

~~d. School Social Work; or~~

~~e. Speech Language Impaired.~~

~~(b) An applicant who meets these requirements must only be assigned to non-classroom instructional positions for which they are certified.~~

(10) through (14) renumbered (9) through (13) No change.

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