

Educator Certification Partnership Update 2014 Spring Webinar

May 14, 2014

9:30 AM and 2:30 PM



Today's Agenda

- Accomplishments and Successes
- What We Are Working On
 - Educator Quality Core Values
 - Certificate Renewal Changes
 - Educational Leadership Special Temporary Certificate
 - Re-Imagine Partnership Training and Updates
 - Paperless Communication – Certificates
 - 2014 Legislation
 - BEC Conversion Projects
 - Maximize FTCE/FELE Program
 - ESE Certification Redesign
- Friendly Reminders from Jean
- FYI

Accomplishments & Successes

- 95.6% Partnership Satisfaction and 98.1% Satisfaction with BEC Communications
- More Efficient Foreign Academic Credentials – Original Credential Evaluation only
- Streamline Fingerprint Background Screening – Live Capture for ALL
 - AFAPS Access Ends May 31
- Improve Rigor of FTCE/FELE
- Educator Certification Rule Development site at www.fldoe.org/edcert/crcur.asp

Educator Quality Core Values

- Being Responsive
- Doing Good Work and Expanding the Capacity of Others To Do the Same
- Serving as Critical Friends through Positive and Transformative Relationships
- Demonstrating Respect, Honesty, and Integrity
- **Core Purpose:** To prepare, support and empower the most skillful teachers and leaders in the nation.
- **BHAG:** Every Florida teacher and leader is prepared, developed, supported and supervised by educators who make teaching better

Certificate Renewal Changes

- **Teaching Students with Disabilities (SWD) Credit**
- One (1) semester hour or 20 inservice points
- Each renewal period
- Applies to all Renewal Applications received on/after July 1, 2014
- Credit earned during validity period; OK, even if before July 1, 2014
- Goal of All Renewal Requirements: Educators participate in current, relevant and on-going professional learning for the benefit of all students, including SWD

Certificate Renewal Changes

Renewal Changes Memo Distribution

- Certification Partners
- BEC Bulletin Recipients
- Extended Professional Certificates
- Just for Teachers Newsletter
- 2014 Expirees with Out of State Addresses
- 2014 Expirees with BEC Logon Email
- Staff Email Addressees
- Conferences and Workshops

Certificate Renewal Changes

- **Acceptable SWD Credit: Focuses on Instructing SWD**
- Gifted Education is not acceptable
- American Sign Language (ASL) generally not appropriate
- Renewal Law and Rule do not identify a single, specific course or inservice activity that must be completed
- Goal: Educators select professional learning activities that will expand their knowledge, skills and expertise to better educate their students with disabilities
- Not Required for District CTE/Substitute Certificates
- Not Required for Department of Health Licenses

Certificate Renewal Changes

Acceptable Courses on Teaching SWD

- Courses with ESE or Special Education prefixes (Excluding Gifted)
- Introduction to Exceptional Student Education
- Nature and Needs of [Various Disabilities: EH, MH, SLD, ASD, etc.]
- Teaching Students with Disabilities
- Educating the Learning Disabled [or any other disability]
- Assessment in Exceptional Education
- Assessing Students with Disabilities
- Varying Exceptionalities
- Individualized Instruction for Exceptional Students
- Management Strategies for Students with Disabilities
- The Special Education Curriculum

Certificate Renewal Changes

Master Inservice Plan (MIP) Professional Development (PD) Points

- 20 Inservice Points = 1 Semester Hour
- Educator May Accumulate One or More Points in Teaching SWD to Satisfy the 20 Point Total

Certificate Renewal Changes

Acceptable MIP ESE PD Component Areas

- 100 - Instructional Strategies
- 101 - Classroom/Behavior Management
- 102 - Assessment
- 105 - Curriculum

Unacceptable MIP ESE PD Component Areas

- 103 - Procedural/Legal Requirements
- 104 - Working with Aides/Volunteers/Mentors

Certificate Renewal Changes

Subject Area Examinations (SAE)

- SAE in Exceptional Student Education, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, or Speech Language Impaired = 3 semester hours of renewal credit and SWD credit, **if the corresponding subject is on the certificate.**
- SAE in Exceptional Student Education – 3 semester hours of renewal credit and SWD credit, **if one of the old subjects in EH, MH, SLD, PI, or VE is on the certificate.** [Note: Renewed certificate will list the old subject unless/until applicant applies to add Exceptional Student Education]

Certificate Renewal Changes

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certificates

- NBPTS Exceptional Needs Specialist Certificate = 6 semester hours of renewal credit and teaching SWD credit, if the Florida Professional Certificate includes an ESE coverage.

ESE PD Resources

- Exceptional Education and Student Services @ FDOE www.fldoe.org/ease
 - ESE Teacher Info www.fldoe.org/ease/prodev.asp
 - ESE PD Portal <http://pdportal.florida-ease.org/>
 - Florida's Personnel Development supporting ESE www.florida-ease.org/personneldevelopment/
 - FDLRS www.fdlrs.org/
 - Institute for Small and Rural Districts www3.nefec.org/isrd/

Educational Leadership Special Temporary Certificate

- A district employment option. Districts may or may not choose to use this option
- Requirements
 - Applicant
 - Holds bachelor's degree
 - Submits CG-10 for Educational Leadership
 - Passes all 3 portions of FELE on/after January 1, 2014
 - District
 - Submits special hardcopy CT110S Issue Request Form to verify
 - 3 years of full-time executive management or leadership experience, and
 - Assignment of a designated state-certified school administrator as mentor
 - Submits Fingerprint Reports
- Requirements for Professional Certificate remain the same

Re-Imagine Partnership Training & Updates

- BEC Webinars
- OPT - Online Partnership Training modules
- Fall 2014 - Regional trainings for new partners
- Fall 2014 - BEC Update @ FASPA Fall Conference
- Spring 2015 - College/university & private school training for new partners
- Fall 2015 - FASPA-BEC Training Partnership for new partners

Paperless Communication - Certificates

- Email notifications begin Summer 2014
 - Instructions to review via Certificate Status
 - Printable copy via Certificate Status
 - Continue to print and mail
- Email notifications for all in January 2015
 - Duplicate application for printed copy
- Productivity improvements, efficiency gains and cost savings

2014 Legislation: House Bill 433 – Educator Certification

- Sent to Governor 5/9/14; Signed into Law 5/12/14
- Effective July 1, 2014
- Permits “banking” of excess SWD credits for renewal
- Permits adoption of other tests for General Knowledge or Subject Area Mastery
- Professional Education Test required with college teaching experience
- Permits approval of other teacher preparation programs
- Eliminates CLAST to satisfy General Knowledge

BEC Conversion Projects

- Convert primary database to Microsoft SQL Server
- Convert to paperless official correspondence
- Redevelop BEC-PASS and other BEC client systems
 - Support partners with necessary systems
 - Enhance quality and usability
 - Expand direct, electronic transmittal
 - Employ coordinated training modules
 - Improve processes for E-forms and Web viewing
- Develop Web-based training system
- Fully expand Online Application

Maximize FTCE/FELE Program

- May 2014 – General Knowledge, Elementary Education Subtests Model
- New Development – Business Education, Preschool Education, Reading and Spanish
- Potentially recommend adoption of other standardized examinations for low-demand subject areas

ESE Certification Redesign

- Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR) Grant
 - College of Education, University of Florida
- Florida's State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
- Bureau of Exceptional Education & Student Services (BEESS) Summer Institutes for Institutes of Higher Education (IHE)

Friendly Reminders from Jean

- I-9s should only be submitted to BEC for noncitizens
- Applicant must submit CT103 to correct/change application error from noncitizen to citizen
- Before submitting a District Renewal
 - Check name and address
 - Check for subject deletions requested by applicant
- Process Additions before Renewals
- Course approvals for subject area or professional preparation: Application must be on file

FYI

- June 19-20 - BEESS Summer Institutes for IHEs
- June 24 - Great Florida Teach-In - Tampa
- **July 1, 2014 - New Laws take effect**
- July 10 - Florida Teacher of the Year – Orlando
- August - Legislation/Rules Workshops
- January 2015 - Paperless Certificates for all

Questions & Answers

- Questions/comments may be submitted via the chat window
- Operator assists individuals who wish to provide question or comment via telephone
 - Caller should first identify him/herself and the stakeholder group for whom comments/questions are offered
 - Then, provide brief, clear and concise comments
- Questions and comments will be captured for review and consideration

THANK YOU!!!