

Draft Language for Rule Development Chapter 6A-4, F.A.C.-Educator Certification

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULES IS:

6A-4.002 General Provisions.

(1) Educator's certificates.

(a) – (e) No Changes.

(f) Classification of coverages and endorsements shown on certificates. Each coverage or endorsement shown on a certificate shall be identified as an academic class, administrative class, specialty class, or degreed career and technical~~vocational~~ class. The classification is specified in the specialization rule for each coverage or endorsement.

(g) – (m) No Changes.

(2) – (4) No Changes.

(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. Teaching experience used for academic, administrative, degreed career and technical~~vocational~~, and specialty class subjects shall be gained in a public or state supported school as defined in Section 1003.01(2), F.S.; or in a prekindergarten (ages three [3] and four [4]) school which is a public or state supported school or is a contractor for a public school system or in a birth through age two (2) school which is a public or state supported school or is a contractor for a public school system. However, teaching experience in a nonpublic school shall be acceptable provided the applicant held a valid full-time teaching certificate issued by the state department of education in the state where the teaching experience was acquired.

2. Teaching experience used for degreed career and technical~~vocational~~ class subjects shall be gained in an elementary or secondary school as specified in subparagraph (5)(a)1. of this rule, 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) – (c) No Changes.

(6) No Changes.

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6A-4.003 Degrees, Programs, and Credits.

Degrees, programs, and credits shall be determined acceptable for educator certification purposes based on the following:

(1) – (3) No Changes.

(4) Accreditation and acceptance of teacher education programs for specific certification purposes.

(a) – (b) No Changes.

(c) Teacher education programs in states other than Florida. A teacher education program at the bachelor's or higher degree level shall fulfill the general and professional preparation requirements and the specialization requirements for ~~an academic class subject or a degreed vocational class~~ certification subject area in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The teacher education program shall have been granted by an accredited or a Department approved institution; and,

2. The major subject of the approved program shall be in a subject in which Florida offers certification; and,

3. The instructional level of the major subject of the approved program shall be comparable to or broader than

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the instructional level at which Florida offers certification in the subject; and,

4. The program curriculum shall have included preservice field experiences and an internship or practicum appropriate to the certification subject area in a prekindergarten through grade 12 setting under the supervision of qualified educators; and,

~~5.4.~~ When a master's or higher degree is required for Florida certification in a subject, the program must have been completed at the same or higher degree level.

Documentation of teacher education programs from institutions within the United States or its territories shall be an official transcript. Documentation of teacher education programs from institutions outside the United States shall be an original credential evaluation report prepared by an accredited institution as specified in paragraphs (1)(a) or (b) of this rule, or by a credential evaluation agency approved by the Department as specified in subsection (6) of this rule. An original credential evaluation report must include a summary of the equivalent United States postsecondary degree level and academic program awarded and, upon request, must also include a detailed breakdown of all courses into descriptive titles with equivalent United States postsecondary semester hours and grades.

(5) – (6) No Changes.

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

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

(1) – (6) No Changes.

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6A-4.006 General and Professional Preparation.

(1) General preparation. A bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution as described in Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C., shall be considered to have met the general preparation course requirements.

(2) Professional preparation.

~~(a) For applications received before January 1, 2016, courses for the professional preparation and education competence requirement pursuant to the college course certification option in Section 1012.56(6)(f), F.S., are fifteen (15) semester hours with credit in the following professional education areas:~~

- ~~1. Classroom management including safe learning environments;~~
- ~~2. Human development and learning;~~
- ~~3. Educational assessment to include the content measured by state achievement tests and the interpretation and utilization of data to improve student achievement;~~
- ~~4. Effective instructional strategies including the needs of diverse learners;~~
- ~~5. For the middle (Grades 5-9) and secondary (Grades 6-12) level subject coverages and the K-12 level subject coverages: art, music, dance, computer science, health, foreign languages, and humanities, curriculum and special methods of teaching the subject; and,~~

~~6. For middle (Grades 5-9) and secondary (Grades 6-12) level subject coverages, foundations of research-based practices in teaching reading competency two of the State Board approved reading endorsement competencies.~~

~~(a)(b) For applications received beginning January 1, 2016, professional preparation courses pursuant to Section 1012.56(6)(f), F.S., are a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours with credit in the following professional education areas:~~

~~1. – 4. No Changes~~

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5. For certificate subject coverages classified by rule as academic or degreed career and technical-educational, applications of research-based instructional practices in reading; and,

6. No Changes.

(c) – (d) No Changes.

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6A-4.008 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Administration of Adult Education – Administrative Class.

To be eligible for certification in administration of adult education, an applicant shall complete the requirements specified below:

(1) Hold a professional certificate covering elementary or secondary administration, educational leadership, school principal, or career and technical director;

(2) Submit verification of three (3) years of full-time teaching experience as specified in paragraph 6A-4.002(5)(a), F.A.C.; and,

(3) Complete one (1) of the following plans:

(a) Plan One. Hold a master's or higher degree with a graduate degree major in administration of adult education; or

(b) Plan Two. Hold a master's or higher degree with a graduate degree major in educational administration, administration and supervision, or educational leadership, and complete at least six (6) semester hours of graduate credit as specified below:

1. Three (3) semester hours in organization and administration of adult education; and,

2. Three (3) semester hours in principles of adult education, adult education curriculum, supervision of adult education, or methods and materials in adult instruction; or

(c) Plan Three. Hold a master's or higher degree and complete graduate credit as specified below:

1. Nine (9) semester hours in school administration which includes at least three (3) semester hours in organization and administration of adult education;

2. Three (3) semester hours in basic school supervision or supervision of adult education; and,

3. Six (6) semester hours in curriculum which includes at least three (3) semester hours in adult education curriculum; ~~or~~

~~(d) Plan Four. Hold a professional certificate covering elementary or secondary administration or educational leadership and complete at least six (6) semester hours of graduate credit as specified below:~~

~~1. Three (3) semester hours in organization and administration of adult education; and,~~

~~2. Three (3) semester hours in principles of adult education, adult education curriculum, supervision of adult education, or methods and materials in adult instruction.~~

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6A-4.0321 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Middle Grades General Science (Grades 5-9) – Academic Class.

(1) Plan One. A bachelor's or higher degree with an undergraduate or graduate major in general science or middle grades general science; or

(2) Plan Two. A bachelor's or higher degree with eighteen (18) semester hours in science with associated laboratory experiences to include credit in the areas specified below:

(a) Biological science;

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- (b) Chemistry or physics; and,
- (c) Earth-space science or earth science.

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6A-4.044 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Local Director of Career and Technical Vocational Education – Career and Technical Vocational Administrative Class.

- (1) A master’s or higher degree or the advanced occupational level of training;
- (2) Verification of completion of three (3) years of teaching experience in career and technical vocational education as specified in paragraph 6A-4.002(5)(a), F.A.C.;
- (3) A valid professional certificate with certification in a nondegreed or degreed career and technical vocational class coverage; and,
- (4) Thirty (30) semester hours of graduate or upper level credit in administration and supervision to include the following:
 - (a) Three (3) semester hours in organization, administration and management of career and technical vocational programs;
 - (b) – (c) No Changes.
 - (d) Three (3) semester hours in supervision and development of the career and technical vocational education staff; and,
 - (e) No Changes.

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6A-4.054 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Agriculture (Grades 6-12) – Degreed Career and Technical Vocational Class.

- (1) Plan One. A bachelor’s or higher degree with an undergraduate or graduate major in agriculture or agriculture education; or
- (2) No Changes.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, ~~1012.54~~, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. History–New 10-10-89, Amended 7-17-00, _____.

6A-4.056 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Business Education (Grades 6-12) – Degreed Career and Technical Vocational Class.

- (1) Plan One. A bachelor’s or higher degree with an undergraduate or graduate major in business education or business administration; or
- (2) Plan Two. A bachelor’s or higher degree with thirty (30) semester hours in business education or business administration to include credit in the areas specified below:
 - (a) Accounting;
 - (b) Economics or Finance;
 - (c) Computer Science;
 - (d) Business communication or composition above the freshman level; and,
 - (e) Business law.

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6A-4.058 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Family and Consumer Science (Grades 6-12) – Degreed Career and Technical~~Vocational~~ Class.

(1) – (2) No Changes.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, ~~1012.54~~, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. History–New 10-10-89, Amended 7-17-00,_____.

6A-4.060 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Engineering and Technology Education (Grades 6-12) – Degreed Career and Technical~~Vocational~~ Class.

(1) Plan One. A bachelor's or higher degree with an undergraduate or graduate major in ~~industrial arts~~ engineering or technology education; or

(2) Plan Two. A bachelor's or higher degree with thirty (30) semester hours in ~~industrial arts~~ engineering or ~~industrial~~ technology education to include credit in four (4) of the ten (10) areas specified below:

(a) Materials and manufacturing processes technology to include credit in woods, metals, and man-made materials;

(b) Drafting and design technology;

(c) Energy and power technology;

(d) Graphic communications technology;

(e) Electronics technology;

(f) Construction technology;

(g) Transportation technology;

(h) Biomedical technology;

(i) Information technology; and,

(j) Industrial systems technology such as robotics, laser technology, fiber optics, or other feedback controlling systems.

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6A-4.062 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Marketing (Grades 6-12) – Degreed Career and Technical~~Vocational~~ Class.

(1) – (2) No Changes.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, ~~1012.54~~, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. History–New 10-10-89, Amended 7-17-00,_____.