**DIRECT PATHWAYS TO A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**

Many applicants go directly to the full Professional Certificate by following one of these pathways:

1. Valid Standard Certificate Issued by another State (See [Reciprocity](http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes/certified-teacher-or-administrator.stml))
2. Valid Certificate Issued by the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)](http://www.nbpts.org/)
3. Teacher Education Degree Program and Passing Florida Certification Examinations
4. Educator Preparation Institute Program and Passing Florida Certification Examinations
5. Two Semesters of Full-Time College Teaching Experience, Passing the Florida Professional Education Test, and Passing the Florida Subject Area Examination (for a bachelor's level subject). [NOTE: A graduate level subject requires the graduate degree/coursework specified in the governing State Board Rule in addition to Passing the Florida Subject Area Examination.]

Need help determining the Florida subject that matches your current credentials? See our list of [Florida certification subjects](http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/certificate-subjects/certification-subject-examinations.stml) and our chart of Florida subjects that compare to [NBPTS certification areas.](http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/nbpts-certificate-subjects-correspondi.stml)