

If you are interested in a
State-Approved
Alternative Certification
Program AND ...

- Hold a Temporary Florida Teaching Certificate
- Employed as a teacher in Alachua County Public Schools

THEN.... Let us help get you started!

THE MEANING OF
LIFE IS TO FIND
YOUR GIFT
THE PURPOSE OF
LIFE IS TO GIVE IT
AWAY.
—PABLO PICASSO

Visit these Florida websites:

Florida Department of
Education
Bureau of Teacher Certification
<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes>

Florida Alternative Certification
<https://www.altcertflorida.org/>

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Professional Development Certification Program



What does 'professional development certification program' mean in Florida?

- On-the-job training in professional education competencies—the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices
- An alternative path to satisfy professional preparation requirements for a Professional Educator's Certificate

What are the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices?

The FEAPs are the research-based knowledge and skills that all Florida teachers need, regardless of what subject they teach, so that their students can master the skills delineated by the Florida Standards for students. The six Educator Accomplished Practices address:

- Instructional Design and Lesson Planning
- The Learning Environment
- Instructional Delivery and Facilitation
- Assessment
- Continuous Professional Improvement
- Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct

How do I work within the program?

The PDCP learning activities and tasks are housed in an online course which is accessed through any computer with internet access.

Self-directed! Your online instructor will give you a model schedule that you may follow. You should plan to devote a minimum of five hours a week to your PDCP work. Many of the tasks will be started at the beginning of a semester and continue for several weeks as you work with your students to gather resources, create lesson plans, plan parent conferences, analyze your students' learning, and complete other required activities included in the program.

How much does the PDCP cost?

\$500 per semester. Typically, it takes two semesters to complete the online modules.

How long will it take me to complete the PDCP?

Many participants can complete the program in one full year—two semesters plus summer work. Some teachers, however, choose to extend their work over a two-year period or even longer, but requirements must be completed prior to the expiration of your temporary certificate.

Does the PDCP require college courses in education?

No. The program is competency-based with no college coursework required. You will complete 20 tasks, many of them right in your classroom with your own students, to submit as evidence that you have demonstrated competency with each of the Educator Accomplished Practices. You will also complete Reading Endorsement Competency 2 course and pass the Professional Educator Exam.