

## Professional Certification Courses

### Applied to the Statement of Eligibility

To use this guide, each student must have a Statement of Eligibility (SoE) from the Florida Department of Education. Please visit [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org) or call 1-800-445-6739. To search pathways to certification: <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes/>.

The SoE provides the student with a customized list of the requirements they must complete to be issued full state certification in Florida. Using the SoE, the guide below identifies courses available at Florida Atlantic University for those students looking to satisfy areas identified on the SoE as required.

***For use by those students with an SoE received by the FLDOE after January 2016:***

Professional Education Areas	FAU Courses
Classroom management with a focus on creating safe learning environments for students	EDG 4419
Child and adolescent development including theories and principles of learning	EDF 3210
Educational assessment practices that include analysis and application of data from statewide standardized assessments and other multiple sources to improve instruction and learning	EDG 4343 or EDF 3430
Effective instructional techniques, strategies and materials to meet the needs of diverse learners including students with disabilities	EDG 4343
Instructional strategies for teaching students of limited English proficiency (LEP) including instruction in the English language and development of the student's mastery of the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing (Teaching experience cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.)	TSL 4324 or TSL 4080
Applications of research-based instructional practices in reading	RED 4335

**Notes:**

- A minimum of 15 semester hours in education courses with credit in each of the professional education areas listed above is required.
- One professional area MAY be satisfied by one year of teaching experience in a classroom. The SoE will designate this allowance, if applicable. Teaching experience cannot be used to meet the requirement for teaching LEP students, and will probably not be approved to meet RED 4335.
- A passing grade of "C" or better must be earned for each course.
- Every course must be completed at an institution that awards bachelor's degrees or higher.

The guideline for those presenting an SoE processed prior to January 2016 differs from the current rule. Please see the table below for guidelines when a student presents an SoE dated prior to January 2016, yet still within the 3-year window prior to expiration.

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<b>Professional Education Areas</b>	<b>FAU Courses</b>
Classroom management including safe learning environments	EDG 4419
Human development and learning	EDF 3210
Educational assessment to include the content measured by state achievement tests and the interpretation and utilization of data to improve student achievement	EDG 4343 or EDF 3430
Effective instructional strategies including the needs of diverse learners	EDG 4343
Curriculum and special methods of teaching (Content Area) in the elementary / middle or secondary school	ARE 4313 / 4240 FLE 4333 LAE 4353 / 4360 MAE 4350 / 4360 SCE 4350 / 4360 SSE 4150 /4361
Foundations of research-based practices in teaching reading	RED 4335

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Disclaimer: The guide is intended for informational purposes and as a resource to advise students which FAU courses satisfy the State Professional Certificate requirements. The guide does not replace the SoE. It is recommended that students obtain an SoE issued by the Florida Department of Education and adhere to the requirements outlined therein. Please contact Cheryl Marcello, the FAU College of Education Certification Ombudsperson ([cmarcello@fau.edu](mailto:cmarcello@fau.edu)) with questions.