

ABCTE's certification is ideal for knowledgeable and motivated professionals who want to change careers and become teachers, and for current teachers who need to earn their certification.

The program was officially recognized by the Florida State Board of Education as a route to state certification in 2004. All teachers certified through ABCTE are considered Highly Qualified.

### Current Florida Certifications

- Biology (6-12)
- Chemistry (6-12)
- General Science (5-9)
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Special Education (K-6)(ESE)\*
- English (6-12)
- Math (6-12)
- Physics (6-12)
- Reading Endorsement\*\*

### Requirements

All candidates for certification must hold a bachelor's degree and demonstrate mastery on subject area and professional teaching knowledge examinations. Prior to earning certification, candidates must also pass a federal background check.

### Process

To obtain a teaching certificate in Florida, you will:

1. Complete the ABCTE program
  - a. Ideally, certificate should be used within 3 years
  - b. ABCTE certificate is used in step 1 below

### **Florida Department of Education Requirements for using the ABCTE certificate:**

For additional information or clarification on steps below, contact the Florida Department of Education: <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/>

1. Update or apply to Florida Dept. of Ed. for Statement of Eligibility Letter /Temporary Teaching Permit(TTP- 3 year non-renewable)
2. Obtain a teaching position in a Florida school
3. Complete the Florida Professional Educator Competency Demonstration Program(this program varies and is specific to your school district)
4. Apply for your renewable 5 year Florida Professional Teaching Certificate

*\* In order to be eligible to teach secondary Special Education you will need an additional secondary endorsement in the subject you plan to teach.*

*\*\* Acts as Florida K-12 Reading Endorsement for Elementary and Special Education teachers.*