STEPS TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- You must hold a Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college/university which is the first step that allows you to start the process of teacher certification. If you have foreign transcripts it is required to have them evaluated by an approved credential evaluation agency.
- Take and pass the subject area exam in the subject area/grade level you wish to teach (i.e., Elementary Education, Music, Math, English, etc.). To register for the subject area exam please visit www.fl.nesinc.com
- After you have successfully passed the subject area exam, apply to the Florida Department of Education (FL DOE) for certification you will be eligible for a three year temporary certificate in that subject. Here is the link: https://certify.fldoe.org/publicweb/default.aspx
- Send official sealed transcripts which shows the degree conferred/date awarded and your full SSN noted to the Florida Department of Education.
- The Florida Department of Education will send you a *Statement of Status of Eligibility*. This official document will state that you are eligible to receive a three year nonrenewable Temporary Certificate once you are hired by a public or charter school. Once you receive this letter you may apply for instructional positons with Brevard Public Schools if you have a completed online BEACON* application with our school district. Brevard Public Schools district personnel will advise you of potential additional requirements for employment in our school district and compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. This letter will also inform you of all additional requirements you must meet during the validity period of your nonrenewable Temporary Certificate. Some of those requirements may include successful completion of:
 - ✓ General Knowledge test by April 1st of the year you are hired (date subject to change)
 - ✓ Professional Ed test by April 1st of the year your Temporary Certificate expires (date subject to change)
 - ✓ The New Teacher Induction Program
 - ✓ One year of full-time teaching experience
 - ✓ Additional educational courses (18 +/- credit hours) by April 1st of the year your Temporary Certificate expires (date subject to change). Course work can be completed by attending an accredited college/university or you may apply to Brevard Public Schools Induction and Professional Development Certification Program.

Certification Contacts

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^{*}All applicants must have a completed online employment application which our school district refers to as BEACON. Here is the link: https://iss.brevard.k12.fl.us/AT000.pgm