

Professional Development Certification Program



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"In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn"



PDCP Eligibility Requirements

- Full Time K-12 Teacher with Brevard Public Schools
- Passed the General Knowledge Exam
- Teacher of record for a group of K-12 students
- Have a minimum of 18 months remaining on the temporary certificate

What is PDCP?

Designed to develop quality teachers for the students of Brevard, The Professional Development Certification Program , or PDCP, is a competency-based, job embedded educator preparation program preparing teacher to meet the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices. PDCP offers face to face, hybrid, and distance learning opportunities for the professional educator. PDCP is an alternative path for those coming into the profession on a temporary teaching certificate. We serve all classroom teachers K-12. Candidates can enter PDCP in September and January, once they have met the initial eligibility criteria.

How Do I Know If PDCP Is Right For Me?

Statement of Status of Eligibility

Teachers have several ways to meet the requirements to obtain their professional certification. It all starts with looking at the Statement of Status of Eligibility sent by the DOE when the temporary certificate is issued.

PDCP is recommended for those teachers needing at least 12 hours of coursework, according to their statement. There are no right or wrong ways to pursue a professional certificate, the choice always belongs to the teacher. Located below are the three ways teachers can satisfy their requirements for certification.

- District PDCP Program—\$300.00 (Reimbursed upon completion)
- EPI (Educator Preparation Institute) - Approx. Cost -\$2400.00
- Taking the courses specified on your letter, at an accredited college, bachelor's level or above—Cost determined by the type of institution. (estimated \$3800.00)

PDCP Courses

The coursework is designed to support teacher development of the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices. Each course provides instruction and support leading to development of necessary teaching skills.

Portfolio

The portfolio is designed to assess the teacher's understanding of the FEAPS through 20 job embedded tasks. Each teacher will complete an electronic portfolio scored by professional educators working in the field.

Testing

To complete the PDC program teachers must pass all three of their required teaching exams through the state of Florida. They must pass the General Knowledge prior to admission to the program, then pass an additional subject test, if applicable, and the professional education test prior to program completion.



PDCP Components

There are three components of the PDC program; Coursework, Portfolio, and successful completion of the FTCE Professional Education Test. In addition, candidates must have two years of effective or highly effective evaluations documented by their school based administration.

PDCP Course Content

Reading Competency 2 and the ESOL Cross Cultural Awareness courses are offered through Brevard County's Blackboard online learning portal. These courses are taught as hybrid courses, therefore teachers will expect to have some travel when taking these courses. Each course is 60 hours and is completed over a semester or summer. Teachers will also take one 20 hour online ESE strategy course through PDA. Details will be provided to PDC program participants.

The following courses will be taken through Beacon Educator, which is an online learning platform. Courses begin on a monthly basis and each course can be completed within a month. Registration for coursework is shared with candidates once they are accepted to the PDC program. These online courses support new teacher development in the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.

- Enhancing the Classroom with Technology
- Foundations of Assessment
- Learning Theory and Practice
- Professional Practices for Educators
- Student Advocacy
- Designing Standards-Based Plans (final course)

Mentor Support

A cornerstone of the PDC program is multi-layered mentoring support. Teachers in the PDC program have three different types of mentors assisting them throughout their learning experience. Teachers will have an assigned school based mentor, who will offer weekly opportunities for mentoring activities. Teachers will also have a district based mentor, as well as task assessors who will serve as mentors for a specific task within the portfolio. This multi-level approach provides mentoring opportunities and a unique program for new teachers to broaden their network base within the Brevard Public School System.



“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

~William Arthur Ward



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