



ACE Program Description

The Alternative Certification for Educators (ACE) program is an innovative route to professional certification that is designed to help prepare qualified individuals possessing non-education degrees obtain teacher certification in the state of Florida.

This rigorous practitioners' program is designed to be a two-phase training and support system for teachers currently employed at public and charter schools in the district. This program provides the professional preparation required for certification by the Florida Department of Education.

ACE Sessions

ACE Sessions may be delivered face-to-face or online.

Session 1

Survival Training

Session 2

Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

Session 3

Instructional Effectiveness

Session 4

Learning With The End in Mind

Session 5

Designing Effective Lessons

Session 6

Differentiated Instructional Strategies

Session 7

Communication, Collaboration, and Cooperation

Session 8

Teaching with the Students in Mind

Session 9

Putting It All Together

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**MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION
FOR EDUCATORS**

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Participant Qualifications

- The participant must meet requirements for a three-year temporary teaching certificate in an area in which the Department of Education offers certification.
- The participant must hold at least a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- The participant must be contracted as a full time teacher at a District public or charter school. (*Substitute teachers, teacher assistants, and paraprofessionals do not qualify for this program*)
- The site administrator signs the ACE Letter of Intent to commit to support the participant throughout the duration of the program.
- The participant must meet subject area requirements for the specific teaching assignment either through a degree or subject area test (SAE).
- The participant must meet all conditions of employment with Manatee District Schools.
- The participant must complete the ACE application and payment information.

Program Components

Phase 1:

- * Pre-assessment on the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices
- * Certification Requirements:
 - Meet the requirements for a three year Temporary Certificate in an area in which the Department of Education offers certification.
 - Successfully complete the ACE (Alternative Certification for Educators) sessions.
 - Pass the General Knowledge (GK) Test within the first year of employment.
 - Pass the Florida Subject Area exam (SAE).
 - Pass the Florida Professional Educator Exam (PEd).
 - Meet all the requirements of the law.
- * Training Requirements:
 - Attend survival training and all other Face to Face and online classes.
 - Participate in extensive training in the Florida Accomplished Practices.
 - Complete all tasks required through the ACE program.
 - Participate in the English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Survey Course.
 - Complete Project CRISS Level I Training.
 - Participate in professional development that is intensive and classroom-focused.
 - Complete portfolio requirements.

Phase 2:

- * Complete Reading Competency 2 Online Course.
- * Complete other training or meetings as needed.



ACE Program Overview

The ACE Program consists of nine sessions. The sessions are a combination of face to face and online courses. The sessions are held once a month and are designed for immediate classroom application. The face to face sessions are held on Saturdays and/or weeknights. The online sessions are flexible and can be completed at the participant's convenience during the time frame in which they are assigned. Coursework for the sessions consist of lesson plans, book studies, collegial discussions and other tasks relevant to classroom application and the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.

