

Education Programs FAQ's

CERTIFICATION SECTION:

- How do I apply to become a teacher in Florida?

Answer: A complete packet and instructions are available online at <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/step1.asp>

- What is the difference between a temporary and a professional certificate?

Answer: You can find a side-by-side comparison by visiting the Florida Department of Education's website at http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/cert_types.asp

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- What is a Statement of Status of Eligibility from the FL Dept. of Education?

Answer: When you send a complete application package to the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Teacher Certification requesting a Florida certificate to teach, your complete package is evaluated to determine your eligibility for a Florida certificate. The result of that determination is mailed to you as an Official Statement of Status of Eligibility. This statement should be used as a road map to complete your certification requirements successfully in compliance with the standards in place at the date of your request.

If the caller insists: You can obtain official FL. Dept. of Education information on Statements of Status of Eligibility online at <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/step2.asp>

- Any other question related to teacher certification.

Answer: The Florida Department of Education has a comprehensive webpage designed specifically to provide individuals interested in teaching in Florida with the latest information pertaining to certification policies. You can access it on the internet at: <http://www.fldoe.org/faq/default.asp>

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CAU EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

- Does your program lead to certification in FL?

All CAU Education Programs are designed to lead to at least a temporary certificate in the State of Florida. However, since certification requirements vary continuously, the Department of Education might impose additional requirements for individual

candidates. The only way to have a definitive answer is to request certification for a given subject area to the Bureau of Teacher Certification in Tallahassee by completing a certification packet.

- How fast can I finish the program?

BAEE Answer: The Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education consists of 124 credits, including a semester of student-teaching. Most candidates need between 3 and 4 years to complete the program. An advisor can sit with you after you are admitted to develop a course of study based on your needs.

MSESE Answer: The Master of Science Degree in Exceptional Student Education (Special Education) consists of 36 credits. Most candidates complete the program in as fast as 1 year. An advisor can sit with you after you are admitted to develop a course of study based on your needs.

MSTESOL Answer: The Master of Science Degree in TESOL consists of 30 credits. Most candidates complete the program in as fast as 1 year. An advisor can sit with you after you are admitted to develop a course of study based on your needs.

- Online classes?

CAU offers a balanced curriculum of onsite, technology-assisted, hybrid, and online courses. At some point in their program, it is likely that students will be able to take advantage of online and hybrid courses. All students will receive the necessary support and training to successfully incorporate the use of technology to their learning experience.

- Why do we have to take classes online?

Answer: The Florida Department of Education requires that graduates of teacher preparation programs demonstrate competencies in educational technology. The CAU curriculum infuses technology as a mean to help you become a more successful educator.

- Can I take classes in the daytime?

Answer: While there is a growing number of courses offered in the daytime, most of the CAU courses are offered in the late afternoon, evenings, on Saturdays, and online at this time.

- Who can I reach if I have further questions about the School of Education?

Answer: The director of the School of Education will address your questions personally via email. You can write to Prof. J. Martinez at jomartinez@albizu.edu.