

6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate.

A professional certificate is renewed or reinstated and certification coverages retained on the certificate in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Professional certificate. A professional certificate may be renewed for the individual who meets the requirements specified below:

(a) Completes six (6) semester hours of college credit or the equivalent as described below or an amount as specified in subsection (2) of this rule for retention of certificate coverages:

1. College credit. College credit earned at an accredited or approved institution or community or junior college as specified in rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C., may be used to renew the professional certificate.

2. Inservice training. Inservice points earned through inservice education activities which were part of a District Professional Learning Catalog ~~Master Plan for Inservice Education~~ developed and approved by a Florida school district in accordance with rule 6A-5.071, F.A.C., may be used to renew the professional certificate. Twenty (20) inservice points shall be equal to one (1) semester hour of college credit. The inservice training shall be verified by the Florida district school superintendent or chairperson of the governing board and shall include the number of inservice points earned in each area of certification.

(b) through (c) No change.

(2) through (6) No change.

(7) Special provisions for training in the instruction of reading for grades K-6.

(a) As a component of the credit requirements specified under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, an educator whose application for renewal of a certificate with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, must have earned at least two (2) college credits, forty (40) inservice points, or a combination thereof, in the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies if the educator is renewing any of the following coverages: Elementary Education (K-6), Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Primary Education (grades K-3), English (grades 1-6), Middle Grades English (grades 5-9), Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9), English (6-12), Reading (K-12), Reading (Endorsement), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12).

(b) An educator may use earned credit for both the purposes of paragraphs (6)(a) and (7)(a) of this rule.

(c) An educator may use credit earned during the five (5) years immediately preceding the current validity period that meets the requirements of paragraph (7)(a) of this rule, if the credit was not already used for a prior renewal period.

(8)(7) Reinstatement of a professional certificate. The Department may reinstate an expired professional certificate if the certificate holder:

(a) through (e) No change.

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