So You Want to Teach?

Florida Atlantic University

You can achieve your goal by either applying for one of our degree programs or seeking alternative certification through the Florida Department of Education.

**Degree Programs**—The Department of Teaching and Learning offers ten bachelor’s degrees: B.A. or BAE in Elementary Education with ESOL/Reading Endorsement (K-6) and Secondary Education (6-12). Secondary Education students may choose from the following areas of study: English, Mathematics, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and Social Science. Certification programs (K-12) are also offered in Art and Foreign Languages (French or Spanish).

If you already have a bachelor’s degree in any major, you can pursue a second bachelor’s degree (described above) or the M.Ed. Elementary Education with ESOL plus Certification or the Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) in Secondary Education plus Certification. All programs contain a student teaching component and lead to eligibility for certification. The former master’s degree program will enable you to teach grades K-6 and the latter, grades K-12 if you choose Art as your area of specialization, or grades 6-12 if you choose English, Mathematics, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) or Social Science as your area of specialization. DOE & CAEP approved.

**Alternative Certification**—If you already have a bachelor’s degree and do not wish to pursue another degree, you can send your transcripts and apply directly with the Florida Department of Education at www.fldoe.org/edcert.

The Florida Department of Education will then send you a “Statement of Eligibility” listing the exams and courses needed for certification. You may take those courses as a non-degree seeking student at Florida Atlantic University.

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