

## **CERTIFICATION CHANGES**

### **Elementary Education (grades K-6) Rule 6A-4.0151,FAC.**

Since July 1,2002,applicants apply for initial certification or add-on certification in **Elementary Education K-6.**

### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE/BASIC SKILLS CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT- Beginning July 1, 2002**

**Since July 1, 2002**, the new Florida-developed General Knowledge Examination for educator certification as required in Section 231.17, Florida Statutes, has been implemented.

**Since July 1,2002, this new Florida general knowledge/basic skills test is the only test that may be taken to satisfy the general knowledge requirement for the Professional Certificate.**

CLAST passing scores **earned prior to July 1,2002**, will be acceptable. **Portions of the CLAST passed before July 1,2002**, will be combined with the new General Knowledge Examination portions passed after July 1, 2002, to satisfy the general knowledge/basic skills examination requirements in reading, English language/essay, and mathematics.

### **SUMMARY OF EXAMINATIONS – ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS**

**CLAST:** ALL four sections of the CLAST must be passed prior to admission to a teacher preparation program. (Graduate program applicants with a GRE score of 1000 or higher may waive the CLAST requirement.)

**FTCE:** Elementary Education students must take the PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION examination and the ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 Examination.

### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION:**

Any student who passed all 4 portions of the CLAST prior to July 1, 2002 will NOT be required to take the General Knowledge Examination. [Student 1 example]

Any student who took the CLAST prior to July 1, 2002 but did not pass portions will be required to pass any equivalent section(s) of the General Knowledge Examination in addition to retaking/passing the non-passed CLAST portion(s). [Student 2 example]

Any student who has not passed any section of the CLAST prior to July 1, 2002 will be required to pass all sections of the General Knowledge Examination. [Student 3 example]

### **Examples:**

Student 1 passed all four portions of the CLAST prior to July 1, 2002. Student 1 does not need to take any section of the General Knowledge Exam.

Student 2 passed three portions of the CLAST but did not pass the Math portion prior to July 1, 2002. Student 2 must pass the Math CLAST prior to admission to the program and pass the Math section of the General Knowledge Exam prior to student teaching. Student 3 did not take any portions of the CLAST prior to July 1, 2002. Student 3 must pass all portions of the CLAST prior to admission to a teacher preparation program and must pass all sections of the General Knowledge Exam to be eligible prior to student teaching.