



CLEP

## **Florida Educator Certification and the College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP®)**

- Florida educators can use college credit earned through CLEP to renew their teaching certification. CLEP exams test knowledge that corresponds to a variety of college-level courses, including Introduction to Educational Psychology and Spanish, French, and German Language.
- The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) have set minimum passing scores for CLEP exams; students achieving these scores are guaranteed college credit from Florida public postsecondary institutions.
- CLEP provides an opportunity for Florida's qualified and certified educators to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing professional development, independent learning, and continuing education.
- FLDOE also allows school administrative assistants and paraprofessionals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher to apply CLEP credits to their certification.

### **The Need**

Florida has not escaped the nationwide teacher shortage. In order to retain qualified educators, the state must find ways to prepare educators in a shorter timeframe without compromising its high standards.

An initiative aimed at addressing teacher shortfalls, the 2007–08 Title II-A grant ([www.fldoe.org/profdev/titleii.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/titleii.asp)) provides funds for the recruitment, training, and hiring of highly qualified educators, including those who have obtained their qualifications through state and local alternative routes to initial certification. CLEP complements these efforts by offering a viable option to facilitate the educator certification renewal process. Educators can apply college credit earned by passing CLEP exams to meet in-field certification and Florida endorsement requirements (i.e. teaching humanities, career and technical education and, critical shortage areas, and ESOL).

### **CLEP**

CLEP exams assess student mastery of college-level material acquired through general academic instruction, significant independent study, or extracurricular work. More information about CLEP is available online at [www.collegeboard.com/clep](http://www.collegeboard.com/clep) or through the College Board's Florida Office at (850) 521-4900.

The 34 computer-based CLEP exams are administered at Florida college and university test centers. The fee for each CLEP exam is \$65. Most test centers charge an administration fee,

usually \$15 to \$20, and they may also charge an institution application fee. Please contact the test center directly for information about registration, scheduling, and fees. A list of test centers is available at [www.collegeboard.com/CLEPtestcenters](http://www.collegeboard.com/CLEPtestcenters).

CLEP examinees obtain their scores upon completion of their exams. Florida postsecondary institutions may grant three to six college credits for each passed CLEP exam. Refer to pg. 9 of the *ACC Credit-By-Exam Equivalency List*, available at [www.facts.org/pdf\\_sw/ACC\\_CREDIT\\_BY\\_EXAM\\_8\\_16\\_06.pdf](http://www.facts.org/pdf_sw/ACC_CREDIT_BY_EXAM_8_16_06.pdf), for specific awarded guarantees.

### **The Renewal Process**

The application, timeline, and process for Florida educator renewal are detailed online at [www.fldoe.org/edcert/renew.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/renew.asp). Candidates must submit college credits from an accredited or approved institution for certificate renewal. A list of accredited Florida institutions is available at [www.fldcu.org/univ\\_info/](http://www.fldcu.org/univ_info/).

College credit awarded for CLEP examinations is acceptable for certificate renewal only if that credit is reflected on an official transcript by an accredited or approved institution and the content of the course is appropriate. Note: duplication of college credit posted to transcripts is not accepted.

Efforts are in progress to gain statutory authorization for the acceptance of CLEP credit posted to an American Council on Education (ACE) transcript. For more information about these transcripts, visit [www.acenet.edu/transcripts](http://www.acenet.edu/transcripts).

Contact the **Florida Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification** for more information on this initiative and to learn more about the exam credit that applies to subject area renewal.

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## Exams to Consider

Analyzing and Interpreting Literature  
Biology  
Calculus  
Chemistry  
College Algebra  
College Mathematics  
Financial Accounting  
French Language  
German Language  
History of the United States I and II  
Human Growth and Development  
Information Systems and Computer Applications  
Introduction to Business Law  
Introduction to Educational Psychology  
Introductory Psychology  
Introductory Sociology  
Natural Sciences  
Precalculus  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
Principles of Management  
Principles of Marketing  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Spanish Language