



## Professional Education Minor

### *EARN TEMPORARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION*



#### Required Courses

EDU 206 Human Development and Learning 4

EDU 306 Teaching Reading in the  
Secondary Content Areas 4

EDU 309 Practicum I 1

EDU 325 Secondary  
Classroom Assessment 4

EDU 335 Secondary  
Classroom Management 4

EDU 345 Methods of  
Secondary Instruction 4

EDU 358 Understanding TESOL:  
A Survey Course 3

EDU 320 ESOL Observational Practicum 1

Total Credit Hours: 25

The University of Tampa's minor in professional education is designed for students in any major seeking a pathway into the field of teaching and to temporary teacher certification in the state of Florida.

Non-education majors are provided with coursework that, in conjunction with successful completion of Florida Teacher Certification Examinations, one year of successful teaching experience and successful completion of a district-approved competence demonstration program for first-year teachers, allows for converting a three-year, nonrenewable Temporary Certificate into a five-year, renewable Professional Certificate.

Coursework meets the requirement of the Florida Department of Education Professional Training Option (PTO) and is consistent with the program requirements of Florida Department of Education Administrative Rule 6A-5.066 (Approval of Educator Preparation Programs) and includes the state-required Professional Preparation outlined in Florida Department of Education Administrative Rule 6A-4.006.

#### Secondary Field Experience

The professional education minor program includes two secondary classroom field experiences in a 6–12 classroom, prior to graduation, under the careful supervision of an experienced teacher and University supervisor. This allows UT students to observe effective teaching practices and deepen their knowledge related to content, the learner and learning, instructional practice and professional responsibility. Students develop their planning and instructional skills as they tutor individual and small groups of students and provide whole-group instruction in their major subject area.



### Additional Resources

- To learn more about the types of teaching certificates, visit: [fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements](https://fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements).
- For more information about subject area mastery, go to: [fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements/subject-area-knowledge.stml](https://fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements/subject-area-knowledge.stml).
- Contact Professor of Education Theoni Soubliis with additional questions at [tsoubliis@ut.edu](mailto:tsoubliis@ut.edu).

### Application Requirements

Full-time undergraduate students who intend to earn the professional education minor must:

- Submit a completed UT Department of Education Professional Education Minor Application, which includes a criminal record information form, available at [ut.edu/education](https://ut.edu/education).
- Have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

To continue in the program, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better in all content area coursework and a 3.0 GPA in all education coursework.

### UT-Recommended Pathway for Three-Year, Nonrenewable Florida Temporary Certification

1. Complete a bachelor's degree with a minor in professional education.
2. Pass the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) General Knowledge Test (GK).
3. Pass the FTCE Professional Education Test (PEd).
4. Demonstrate mastery of subject area by passing the FTCE Subject Area Examination (SAE) or meet the degree or course requirements listed in State Board Rule for the subject area.
5. Apply for Temporary Certification.

### Moving from Temporary Certification to Professional Certification

The State of Florida Department of Education determines the requirements for converting a three-year, nonrenewable Florida Temporary Certificate into a renewable Florida Professional Certificate as follows:

1. Complete an approved Florida Professional Training Option for Content Majors (UT professional education minor).
2. Pass all three portions of the FTCE listed above.
3. Teach successfully for one year.
4. Complete the district-approved competence demonstration program for first-year teachers.