

Florida Teacher Certification Exams and Study Materials

General Testing Information

Florida has three certification exams: General Knowledge (GK) test, Subject Area Exam (SAE), and Professional Education (PEd) test and all are computer based exams. To find a testing center near you, please visit http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_TestDates.asp. Individuals can register online at http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_Register.asp. Examinees will be able to access their score reports as PDF documents via their secure accounts on the FTCE/FELE contractor website (www.fl.nesinc.com). Score reports will be available for examinees to view, save, and/or print for 60 days after the initial posting date. For a transition period of up to 90 days, examinees will also continue to receive paper copies of their score reports via U.S. Mail. Following the transition period, paper copies of score reports will be available to examinees only upon their request, for a processing fee.

If you have trouble scheduling or just need assistance with the process you can contact Customer Service at 413-256-2893.

Military Students

The Florida Department of Education authorized the administration of Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE) through DANTES testing centers at military bases located outside the state of Florida. Due to unique testing requirements, the following exams are not available; Foreign Language, Hearing Impaired, Music, and Speech. The on base exams are only offered 6 times per year. So, if there is a computer testing center near your base, it will be best to take it there instead.

The following are requirements for registering and taking the FTCE on a military base.

1. Testing at military bases is available only on bases outside of the state of Florida.
2. Only pencil-paper format test are available. Computer based testing is not available.
3. Testing is available only if the TCO is able to facilitate administration of the exams on the available testing dates. Therefore, you must check with your TCO to determine if you will be able to take the exams on base.
4. If the TCO is able to administer the exams, the TCO must contact Evaluation Systems to obtain the required documents and instructions for this process.

Testing Window	Registration Deadline and TCO Forms Due	Score Release Multiple Choice Exam	Score Release Constructed Response Exam
January 7 th - 9 th	12/07/2012	01/22/2013	02/19/2013
February 18 th - 20 th	01/18/2013	03/05/2013	03/19/2013
April 8 th - 10 th	03/08/2013	03/19/2013	05/14/2013
July 22 nd - 24 th	06/21/2013	08/06/2013	09/03/2013
September 9 th - 11 th	08/09/2013	10/01/2013	10/15/2013
October 21 st - 23 rd	09/20/2013	11/12/2013	11/26/2013

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If you plan to take the exams on a military base, it is your responsibility to ensure that your TCO contacts Evaluation Systems. You should register for the exam only after the TCO contacts Evaluation Systems. Register online at www.fl.nesinc.com. Select test center MA Hadley, Troops to Teachers for testing on any military base.

Study Guides and Test Prep

Below is a list of study materials that are available for your use in preparing for the Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE). This is not an endorsement of any of the commercial products but only a listing of available sources that you may consider in preparing for your exams.

General Knowledge Exam Study Guides

- **Competencies and Skills**, www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp
The *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida* is a publication produced by the Florida Department of Education. It includes a comprehensive listing of the State's requirements for demonstrating competency and knowledge in the areas of Professional Education, General Knowledge, and the Subject Knowledge.
- **XAMonline**, www.XAMonline.com:
Xamonline produces an extensive list of study guides for the FTCE. Most of these book are approximately 300 pages and cost vary from approximately \$15 to \$74.
- **Research and Education Association (REA)**, www.rea.com:
REA produces studies guides for the General Knowledge, Elementary Education (K-6), Mathematics (6-12), and Professional Knowledge Exams. The cost of these studies guides are approximately \$35. These guides are also available at Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, Borders and possibility other book stores.
- **Mometrix Media**, <http://www.mo-media.com/ftce/>
Mometrix Media produces a large number of study guides and produces study guides for a various topics.
- **APEX**, <http://www.apexprep.com/>
APEX Test Prep produces a study guide for the General Knowledge (GK) exam. They state that their mission is to improve scores, not teach theory or knowledge. The study guide is approximately \$20. If you download the study guide, you avoid a shipping fee.
- **IXL**: This is a great website for math prep www.ixl.com
- **Kahn Academy**: This website provide practice and prep for all academic subject areas. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- **Cliff Notes, FTCE General Knowledge Test** (book) by Sandra Luna McCune and Jeffrey S Kaplan
- **FTCE General Knowledge Certification Prep** (book) by Leasha Barry, Ph.D and Alicia Mendoza Ed.D
- **FTCE General Knowledge Test Secrets Study Guide** (book) by FTCE Exam Secrets Test Prep Team
- **Math Instruction for General Knowledge Math Portion - 240 Tutoring** (Online tutoring program where you take practice tests and study missed items). You get a discount by typing in "TeacherReady." www.240tutoring.com
- **Build Your Own Study Guide**:
With the use of the internet and the listing of the State's requirements for demonstrating competency and knowledge in the areas of Professional Education, General Knowledge, and

the Subject Knowledge, you may be able to build your own study guides. This process is provided as a possible source for obtaining information that may help you in preparing for your Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE). This process should not be considered as an official study guide and if used, you should not assume that this is a method by which a passing score on an exam is guaranteed. The followings steps may be used in preparing your study guide:

1. Print the appropriate competences and skills for the exam you plan to take from the *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida*, www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp.
2. Write each competency in the form of a question. Writing two questions may require for some competencies.
3. Go to a Web search engine that searches questions such as, Answers.com, Ask.com, Bing.com, etc.
4. Enter your question and review the resulting Web pages for your answers. Be advised; information found on sites such as Wikipedia is not considered accurate. Answers found on Wikipedia should be verified through other sources such as scholarly journals.

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- **Mometrix Media**, <http://www.mo-media.com/ftce/>
Mometrix Media produces a large number of study guides and produces study guides for a various topics.
- **Cliff Notes FTCE Professional Education Test with CD-ROM** (book) by Vi Cain Alexander and Sandra Luna McCune
- **FTCE Professional Education Teacher Certification Study Guide Test Prep** (book) by Sharon A Wynne
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Subject Area Exam Study Guides

- **Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum Review**, <http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/>:
This site provides a review which should help you prepare for the Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum Exam. At the site select “Online Programs”, then click on the Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum logo, and then follow the registration instructions at the bottom of the page. Once you register, you have access to the review for twelve weeks.
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- **Xamonline** is providing a FTCE diagnostic test in various subject areas as a gift to Troops to Teachers participants. This diagnostic test is the first step in assessing what you know, and based on the results, how in-depth you need to study and prepare for specific certifications. Please visit <http://xamonline.com/page/TroopstoTeachers> for more information. Also, Xamonline has initiated the XAMonline Gives Back program. This program provides Troops to Teachers participants with a 20% off coupon toward all purchases on their web site, www.XAMonline.com. Use code TTT2009 during checkout.
- **Elementary K-6 Online Content Review Module**, <http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/elemK6/>:
This module, sponsored by the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, is designed to help educators review their knowledge in the areas of English, math, science, social science, health, physical education, music and visual arts as required in the Elementary (K-6) Exam. When entering your demographic information during the registration process select Troops to Teachers on the work district list.
- **Exceptional Student Education (ESE)**, <http://www.pda-ese.org/>
The PDA online program was developed to provide comprehensive, high-quality, and accessible professional development for educators who want to improve their skills in working with all students. The modules, free to Florida educators, are available statewide on a rotating basis and are facilitated through the 19 Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) centers. Currently, there are thirteen PDA modules. The seven original modules are aligned with Florida's Exceptional Student Education (ESE) K-12 Certification Competencies and are designed to support educators in increasing their knowledge and skills for teaching students with identified disabilities as well as other students who are experiencing challenges with behavior and/or academics. These modules may also assist educators with successful completion of the ESE K-12 certification exam.
In preparing for the ESE exam, you should start foundations module. Other modules are available to assist you in preparing you to work with ESE students and in further preparation for the exam. However, the additional modules are available on a priority bases with current Florida teachers having first priority.

At the web site select the Module Access link followed by Foundations Study Module for Non-credit button. Select complete the demographic information and select Troops to Teachers in the district drop down box.

If you desire to complete any of the other modules, select the Login to Modules – Credit button on the Modules Access page. Each of these modules require approximately three weeks to complete and you must complete the assessment.

- **Elementary Education Study Guide**, www.marquismediagroup.com:
Ms. Shannon Black is a Florida teacher who produces a study guide for the Elementary Education (K-6). The cost of the study guide is \$24.99.
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