## 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 given at certain Pearson Testing Centers. We recommend folks who live near a testing center take the Subject Area test and the General Knowledge test at the very beginning of the program. If you are getting certified in multiple areas, you will take a subject area test for each area. Since TeacherReady helps prepare you for the Professional Education test, we recommend you taking that test near the end of the program. Please note, the tests take about 4 weeks for the scores to post.

The most important aspect it to get study materials and take practice tests so you feel prepared and ready before taking the exams. First, print the appropriate competences and skills for the exams you plan to take from the Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, <a href="https://www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp">www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp</a>.

To find a testing center near you, please visit <u>http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL\_TestDates.asp</u>.

You can register for the tests online at <u>http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL\_Register.asp</u>. If you are in the military or a military family member you can test on many US military bases. You will choose Military Base from the above website and then choose your base.

Examinees will be able to access their score reports as PDF documents via their secure accounts on the FTCE/FELE contractor website (<u>www.fl.nesinc.com</u>). Score reports will be available for examinees to view, save, and/or print for 60 days after the initial posting date. It is recommended you save the score report for future reference as many states require this documentation if you are transferring your teaching certificate to another state.

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

### **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

- <u>www.ftceprep.com</u> :Website that offers full length practice tests for general knowledge subtests.
- **Competencies and Skills**, <u>www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp</u> 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.

- <u>https://www.ixl.com/</u> Online Study Guide for Math and Language Arts K-12
- The Learning Liaisons: www.thelearningliaisons.com
  Discount Code: UWFFTCE
  From our FTCE workshop on July 23rd through to November 20th, students are able to get a 20% on all FOUR of our Live! FTCE Online Workshops:1.
  Professional Education Test (PEd) 2.
  Subject Area Exam (K-6) 3.
  General Knowledge Test (GK) 4.
  General Knowledge Test: MATH Focus.
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  Direct Link to FTCE: <a href="http://www.thelearningliaisons.com/ftce-online-workshop-series.html">http://www.thelearningliaisons.com/ftce-online-workshop-series.html</a>
- XAMonline, <u>www.XAMonline.com</u>:

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.

- Math: <u>http://www.shopmybook.com/en/Dora-Andrikopoulos/General-Knowledge--Math-Refresher</u>
- Research and Education Association (REA), <u>www.rea.com</u>: 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 Barns and Noble, Books-A-Million, Borders and possibility other book stores.
- Mometrix Media, <a href="http://www.mo-media.com/ftce/">http://www.mo-media.com/ftce/</a> Mometrix Media produces a large number of study guides and produces study guides for a various topics.
- APEX, <u>http://www.apexprep.com/</u>

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 Acadeny: This website provide practice and prep for all academic subject areas. <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/</u>
- 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 Mendaoza Ed.D
- FTCE General Knowledge Test Secrets Study Guide (book) by FTCE Exam Secrets Test Prep Team

- <u>www.hhpublishing.com/gkt/</u> (Then, you will need the following in order to access our license: Go to the link Register and then put in our school number & school key.After that you will create your own username & password. School Number: 5553 School Key: COE3 )
- 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." <a href="https://www.240tutoring.com">www.240tutoring.com</a>
- <u>http://www.thelearningliaisons.com/teacher-lounge/ftce-online-workshop-series</u>

#### Professional Exam Study Guides

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- Cliff Notes FTCE Professional Education Test with CD-ROM (book) by Vi Cain Alexander and Sandra Luna McCune
- Online flashcards to help with key phrases and information for Professional Educ exam: <u>http://www.memrise.com/course/702439/ftce-professional-education-test/</u>
- FTCE Professional Education Teacher Certification Study Guide Test Prep (book) by Sharon A Wynne
- <u>http://www.fl.nesinc.com/PDFs/Professional%20Education\_5th\_ed\_DOE082510.pdf</u>

- <u>http://didik-anak.com/pdf/download/www\_fl\_nesinc\_com--PDFs--</u> ProfEd\_TIG\_6thEdition\_DOE031213.pdf
- <u>http://www.amazon.com/FTCE-Professional-Education-Study-Guide-ebook/dp/B00746WBM8</u>
- . <u>http://www.amazon.com/Professional-Education-Florida-Certification-Examination/dp/0738602809</u>
- <u>http://www.thelearningliaisons.com/teacher-lounge/ftce-online-workshop-series</u> <u>http://online.flipbuilder.com/Irkq/ygvt/</u>

#### Subject Area Exam Study Guides

- <u>www.ftceprep.com</u> :Website that offers full length practice tests for 32 different FTCE subject area exams.
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- Elementary K-6 Online Content Review Module, <a href="http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/elemK6/">http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/elemK6/</a>: 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.
- Elementary K-6 Online Review: <u>http://www.tinyowlteachings.com/2012/07/planning-to-take-ftce-sae-k-6-exam-read.html</u>

#### Exceptional Student Education (ESE), <a href="http://www.pda-ese.org/">http://www.pda-ese.org/</a>

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. At the web site select the Module Access link followed by Foundations Study Module for Non-credit button.

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