



Certification Renewal Information

Effective July 1, 2020

For professional certificates with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, in any area of certification that includes reading instruction or intervention (see certification areas below) for any students in Kdg. through grade 6, educators will be required to earn two college credits or the equivalent inservice points (40) in the use of explicit, systematic and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness and implementing multisensory intervention strategies.

Section 1012.585(3)(f) F.S. An applicant for renewal of a professional certificate in any area of certification identified by State Board of Education rule that includes reading instruction or intervention for any students in kindergarten through grade 6, with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, must earn a minimum of 2 college credits or the equivalent inservice points (40) in the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies.

Teachers with the following certification will be required to have the 40 inservice points when they renew:

- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education (age 3-Gr 3)
- Elementary Education (1-6)
- Primary Education (K-3)
- English (Gr 1-6)
- Middle Grades English (Gr 5-9)
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (Gr 5-9)
- English (6-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- Reading (Endorsement)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (K-12) (This is for an ESOL Certification Teacher, does not apply to ESOL endorsement.)

When should a teacher with the above certification begin to work on his/her 40 points?

| Certification ending | Validity Period | Take 40 hour course |
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| June 30, 2020 | July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 | Would take course after July 1, 2020 and before June 30, 2025 (course currently not available) |
| June 30, 2021 | July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026 | Start 40 hour course after July 1, 2021 |
| June 30, 2022 | July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027 | Start 40 hour course after July 1, 2022 |
| June 30, 2023 | July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028 | Start 40 hour course after July 1, 2023 |
| June 30, 2024 | July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029 | Start 40 hour course after July 1, 2024 |
| June 30, 2025 | July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030 | Start 40 hour course after July 1, 2025 |