

# Professional Education Minor

*College of Education and Professional Studies*

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## Program Description

The minor in Professional Education is designed for students who are interested in working in a variety of educational settings. Upon graduation, students are eligible for a temporary Florida teaching certificate.

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### About This Minor

**College:** College of Education and Professional Studies

**Degree:** Minor in Professional Education

**Required Hours for the Degree:** 18

### Florida Teaching Certification

Non-education majors are provided with the 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 certification into a five-year, renewable professional certification.

Coursework meets the requirement of the Professional Training Option 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 Practicum

The Professional Education Minor program includes a 100-hour secondary practicum in a K6 - 12 classroom, prior to graduation, under the careful supervision of an experienced teacher.

The secondary practicum is designed for UWF students to observe effective teaching practices and deepen their knowledge base 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 K6 - 12 students and provide whole-group instruction in their major subject area.

### Career Opportunities

- Teaching Opportunities: Public, Private, Virtual and Overseas Schools
- Corporate Training
- Private and Non-Profit Management
- Docents at Historical Sites, Parks or Museums
- Outdoor Education Instructor
- Volunteer Organization
- Education Publishing
- Education Software

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

1. Complete a bachelor's degree with a minor in Education
2. Pass the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) General Knowledge Test (GK)
3. Pass the FTCE Professional Education Test (PEd)
4. Pass the FTCE Subject Area Examination (SAE)
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 (UWF 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

### Coursework

**Total Hours: 15**

- EDF 3234: Applied Foundations of Education
- EDG 3323: General Methods of K-12 Reading Instruction
- ESE 4322: Instruction, Management, and Assessment: Secondary Education
- ESE 4940: Secondary Practicum (Prerequisite: EDF 3234 and content-area class)
- TSL 4080: ESOL Principles and Practices

### Choose one content area (advisor approved)

**Total Hours: 3**

- LAE 3324: Teaching Language Arts in the Middle and Secondary Schools
- MAE 4320: Teaching Mathematics in the Middle and Secondary Schools
- SCE 4320: Teaching Science in the Middle and Secondary Schools
- SSE 4324: Teaching Social Studies in the Middle and Secondary Schools

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