

Professional Development Certification Program

Alternative Pathway to Professional Certificate



Professional Learning for All Educators



The Professional Development Certification Program (PDCP) by Beacon Educator is a Florida Department of Education alternative pathway to obtain a Florida professional teaching certificate.

Bay District Schools partners with Beacon Educator to provide an asynchronous program for teachers on a temporary certificate to meet the requirements for their individual Statement of Eligibility (SOE). The online courses, along with support provided by the district and school-based mentors, help new educators to become competent in Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.

All requirements listed on the SOE must be completed before the expiration date of the temporary teaching certificate.

The Professional Development Certification Program (PDCP) supports teachers who

1. Hold a Florida temporary teaching certificate.
2. Are employed as a full-time teacher at Bay District Schools in a public or charter school
3. Need education course hours to meet Statement of Eligibility (SOE) requirements.

PDCP Teachers are provided additional job embedded supports:

- a Beacon facilitator through the coursework
- a staff training specialist to support teachers as they complete program requirements
- provides additional weekly support during the first year with a school-based mentor
- opportunities to observe exemplary teachers
- free on-line tutoring for the General Knowledge and Professional Educator's Exam
- additional face-to-face and virtual support for reading endorsement completion

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