

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OPTION MINOR

Overview

The Professional Training Option (PTO) is a Florida Department of Education approved pathway for non-education majors to complete the Professional Education component, one of the requirements to become a certified teacher in the State of Florida. Please be advised that students seeking the PTO must be majoring in a teachable area in order to participate in the program. (See the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations website for the list of Subject Area Examinations in teachable areas: <http://www.fl.nesinc.com/tests.asp>)

The PTO minor consists of 18 credit hours passed with a C or higher with an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. Upon successful completion of the coursework and passing the required Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE) student's UM transcripts will indicate that the student has completed a Florida State-approved PTO program. Students will then be eligible to apply for a 3-year Temporary Teaching Certificate in the State of Florida. The State requires that the graduate complete one-year of successful teaching in an accredited school in Florida in order to apply for a Professional Teaching Certificate. Please note: Students must have passing scores on the FTCE **prior to graduation** in order to be eligible for the PTO Stamp.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
TAL 103	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
TAL 330	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Individuals	3
TAL 305	Classroom and Behavior Management	3
TAL 404	Content Area Literacy in the Secondary Classroom	3
TAL 506	Issues and Strategies for ESOL	3
TAL 540	Instruction and Assessment in the Secondary School.	3
Select one of the following as appropriate for the subject area and approved by the advisor:		
TAL 540	Instruction and Assessment in the Secondary School.	
TAL 541	Instruction and Assessment in Secondary English Language Arts	
TAL 542	Instruction and Assessment in Secondary Mathematics	
TAL 543	Instruction and Assessment in Secondary Science	
TAL 544	Instruction and Assessment in Secondary Social Studies	
Total Credit Hours		18