Understanding Your Statement of Eligibility (SOE) and Creating a Timeline for Upgrading to the Professional Certification

An example of a timeline to complete upgrade requirements (always refer to your SOE for your unique requirements):











Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Focus on Your Classroom

If you are not out-of-field (OOF), take this year to acclimate yourself to the classroom, or get a jump start on your requirements.

If you are OOF, refer to your Certification Deficiency
Notification email for information about satisfying your deficiency.

Professional Prep Courses & General Knowledge (GK)

Complete college coursework as outlined in SOE.

Must attempt one subtest of the GK by the end of year two, if you fail the GK see waiver option 2.

GK waiver opportunities:

- 1. Master's Degree.
- 2. Earn effective or highly effective evaluations in the last 3 years after failing.

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Begin preparing to pass the Subject Area Exam (SAE).

It is encouraged to complete your requirements sooner rather than later. There is a huge financial benefit 5 if you begin your college coursework at the beginning of your temporary certificate and utilize the IRSC tuition vouchers (if funding is available).

Questions? Contact Stacy.Black@stlucieschools.org.

Subject Area Exam (SAE) & Professional Ed Exam

Pass SAE and Pro Ed exam.

Exam waiver opportunities:

- 1. SAE: Master's Degree in the same certification coverage.
- 2. Pro Ed exam: Complete individual college coursework and earn 3 years of effective or highly effective evaluations.

*EPI programs are not eligible for the waiver.

Options to complete the Professional Preparation Coursework

	SOE (Statement of Eligibility)	Indian River State College	Florida Southern College	University of Phoenix
1	Classroom management	EDG 4410 - Classroom Management and Communication (3 credits)	EDU 3333 - Foundations of Education III (2 credits) (This class meets two of your requirements.)	EDUC 521 - Classroom Management for Educators (3 credits)
2	Educational assessment practices	EDF 4430 - Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment (3 credits)	EDU 2235 - Methods of Assessments (4 credits)	EDUC 524 - Assessment and Evaluation for Educators (3 credits)
3	Effective instructional techniques and strategies	EDG 3343 - Instructional Strategies (3 credits) (Only offered Fall/Spring)	EDU 3333 – Foundations of Education III (2 credits) (This class meets two of your requirements.)	EDUC 522 - Curriculum Development and Instruction (3 credits)
4	Child and adolescent development	EDF 3214 - Human Development and Learning (3 credits) (Only offered Fall/Spring)	EDU 1107 - Foundations of Education I (4 credits)	EDUC 525 - Theories of Growing and Learning (3 credits) OR EDUC 526 - Overview of Adolescent Psychology (3 credits)
5	*Instructional strategies for teaching ESOL students	TSL 4100 - Methods, Curriculum, and Assessment (3 credits) (Can apply towards one ESOL Endorsement course.)	EDU 3279 - Foundations of ESOL I (4 credits)	TESOL 571 - Instructional Techniques and Methods (3 credits)
6	*Applications of research-based instructional practices in reading	RED 3342 - Foundations of Research-Based Practices in Reading Education & Application of Instruction (3 credits) (Can also satisfy Competencies 1 & 2 of the reading endorsement.) OR RED 4348 - Literacy Development K-12 (3 credits)	EDU 3370 - Differentiated Instruction of Reading (4 credits)	RDNG 501 - Reading Methods: Elementary (3 credits) OR RDNG 502 - Reading Methods: Secondary (3 credits)

Have all upgrade requirements completed by January 20____, of the year that your temporary certificate expires.



*NOTE: You may waive one course (choose one from bullet points 1-4) with one year of teaching experience. ESOL and Reading courses cannot be waived. *EPI (Educator Preparation Institute) programs will not be accepted to waive the Professional Education Exam.