



**Summer VPK Instructor Credential Options**

Individuals seeking employment as a VPK instructor for the summer VPK program must meet one of the following credentials. The employer (VPK provider or prospective provider) must provide required documentation to the local early learning coalition in accordance with [Rule 6M-8.300, F.A.C.](#),

Options	Florida Statutes	Certificate or Degree
1	<a href="#">s. 1002.61(4)(a)</a>	A Temporary or Professional Florida Educator Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certification may be in any area</li> <li>• school district shall give priority to teachers who have experience or coursework in early childhood education</li> </ul>
2	<a href="#">s. 1002.61(4)(b)</a> <a href="#">s. 1002.55(4)(a)</a>	A bachelor's or higher degree in early childhood education
3	<a href="#">s. 1002.61(4)(b)</a> <a href="#">s. 1002.55(4)(a)</a>	A bachelor's or higher degree in prekindergarten or primary education
4	<a href="#">s. 1002.61(4)(b)</a> <a href="#">s. 1002.55(4)(a)</a>	A bachelor's or higher degree in preschool education
5	<a href="#">s. 1002.61(4)(b)</a> <a href="#">s. 1002.55(4)(a)</a>	A bachelor's or higher degree in family and consumer science
6	<a href="#">s. 1002.61(4)(b)</a> <a href="#">s. 1002.55(4)(b)</a>	A bachelor's or higher degree in elementary education if the prekindergarten instructor has been certified to teach children any age from birth through 6th grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certificate need not be current</li> <li>• certificate need not be from Florida, but may not be suspended or revoked</li> </ul>