

Educator Preparation Institute

EPI

LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE?

The NFCC Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) teacher certification program is an exciting way to begin a teaching career. NFCC's teacher certification program offers non-education majors **who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree** the opportunity to obtain their State of Florida professional teacher certification—opening many doors and possibilities. Graduates will be employable in the pre-kindergarten, elementary and secondary fields of education.

Due to a teacher shortage, the State of Florida has determined that there is a need for recruiting and training individuals interested in the teaching field. The EPI academic program prepares individuals for entrance into the field through seven comprehensive courses in which students demonstrate the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices through various activities including student teaching.

EPI CLASSES AND SCHEDULE

WEEKEND CLASSES AVAILABLE

The teacher certification professional coursework can be completed in as few as two semesters. The program adheres to the standards of four year teacher education programs, including field experience and passing the Florida Professional Education and General Knowledge Tests. To accommodate working adults who want to become teachers in the State of Florida, the EPI Program offers weeknight and weekend classes.



EPI CLASSES

- Classroom Management—3 credits
- Instructional Strategies—3 credits
- Technology in Education—3 credits
- Teaching & Learning Process—3 credits
- Foundations of Language—3 credits
- Professional Foundations—2 credits
- Diversity in the Classroom—2 credits
- Field Experience I—1 credit
- Field Experience II—1 credit

For more information:

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WWW.NFCC.EDU, keyword EPI

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ADMISSION STEPS

For admissions to the Educator Preparation Institute and North Florida Community College, you will need to do the following:

1. Complete and mail an EPI application to the EPI director: Doug Brown, North Florida Community College, 325 NW Turner Davis Drive, Madison, Florida 32340
2. Complete and mail a NFCC Application for Admission to the NFCC Registrar.
3. Request an official transcript from your last university or college be mailed to the NFCC Registrar.
4. Apply for a Statement of Eligibility, if you do not already have one, from the Florida Department of Education. Apply online at www.fldoe.org/edcert.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Are evening or Saturday class programs available so that I can continue in my present job?

A The EPI Program is especially designed for those who are currently working. Classes will be offered every other Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Q Are all the courses classroom based?

A No, we utilize a blended learning model that includes an equal number of classroom-based and online-based classes. We believe this learning model gives our students the utmost flexibility to fit their busy schedules.

Q I've no experience in the classroom. Will I be competitive for employment in school districts in the State of Florida?

A Yes, EPI participants having completed the EPI Program and passed the Florida Certification Exams (including the subject area) are employable. We maintain excellent relationships with the school districts in our service area and work with you to find a suitable teaching position.

PROGRAM FACULTY

Professors in the EPI Program are exemplary teachers, all with advanced degrees and most with their Ph.D.s, trained in current education trends, and committed to providing the very best training using a variety of instructional delivery methodologies.

CERTIFICATION MILESTONES

- Completed each of the seven courses with a grade of "C" or above
- Passed the Professional Education Test
- Passed the Subject Area Test (if required)
- Passed the General Knowledge Test
- Submitted all certification paperwork to the EPI Program and/or the DOE Bureau of Certification.

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