



Florida Department of Education  
 Office of Early Learning  
 Summer VPK Instructor Credential Qualifications: Public and  
 Private Providers

John Winn, Commissioner

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible/Not Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** An applicant must meet at least one of the following options (1-6) in order to be eligible. For option 6 the applicant must have “yes” checked in both components.

Note: The term “degree” means an educational credential awarded by an institution of higher education, not an educator certificate or other professional license.

Options	Florida Statutes	Requirement(s)	Y	N	Comments
1	s. 1002.61(4)(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	s. 1002.61(4)(b) s. 1002.55(4)(a)	A bachelor's or higher degree in early childhood education			
3	s. 1002.61(4)(b) s. 1002.55(4)(a)	A bachelor's or higher degree in prekindergarten or primary education			
4	s. 1002.61(4)(b) s. 1002.55(4)(a)	A bachelor's or higher degree in preschool education			
5	s. 1002.61(4)(b) s. 1002.55(4)(a)	A bachelor's or higher degree in family and consumer science			
6	s. 1002.61(4)(b) s. 1002.55(4)(b)	A bachelor's or higher degree in elementary education <b>if the prekindergarten instructor has been certified to teach children any age from birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade</b> <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>			