

Gifted Endorsement Requirements

Teachers who are hired to work with gifted students must complete the state requirements for the Gifted Endorsement.

6A-4.01791 Specialization Requirements for the Gifted Endorsement - Academic Class Beginning July 1, 1992.

- (1) A bachelor's or higher degree with certification in an academic class coverage, and
- (2) Fifteen (15) semester hours in gifted education to include three (3) semester hours in each area specified below:
 - (a) Nature and needs of gifted students to include student characteristics; cognitive, social, and emotional needs; and history and current research;
 - (b) Curriculum and instructional strategies for teaching gifted students to include modification of curriculum content, instructional process, student products, and learning environment;
 - (c) Guidance and counseling of gifted students to include motivation, self-image, interpersonal skills, and career options for gifted students;
 - (d) Educating special populations of gifted students such as minorities, underachievers, handicapped, economically disadvantaged, and highly gifted to include student characteristics and programmatic adaptations; and
 - (e) Theory and development of creativity to include elements of creativity such as fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration.

Specific Authority 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, 1012.54, 1012.55, 1012.56 FS. History–New 7-1-92.

District Gifted Endorsement Classes

The five Gifted Endorsement classes (300 hours) are offered through the district. Four courses will be offered during the 2009-10 school year. Each sixty hour component includes forty contact hours plus a twenty hour on-line/outside assignment requirement. Each course meets one evening per week for ten weeks. Classes are held at the Pinellas County Administration Building from 4:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

<u>2009/10</u>		
Nature and Needs of Gifted	1102001C	9/15/2009 – 11/17/2009
Educating Special Populations of Gifted	2404003C	9/14 /2009– 11/16/2009
Curriculum for Gifted Students	2100094C	11/30/2009 – 2/22/2010
Theory and Development of Creativity	2100053C	3/8/2010 – 5/17/2010

Registration is now open on LMS. **Priority registration will be given to out of field teachers** and those teachers who have completed at least three endorsement courses.

For further information contact Jenny Klimis, Gifted Office, (727)588-6037 or klimisja@pcsb.org.

Online options for completing Gifted Endorsement

Working on Gifted Issues project (WOGI)

WOGI will offer the endorsement courses through NEFEC (North East Florida Educational Consortium). Information will be available soon. Please check the WOGI website at www.unfwogi.com for updates. The tentative schedule includes:

Nature and Needs	Fall 2009
Creativity	Winter 2009-10
Curriculum	Spring 2010
Special Pops	Summer 2010

Cost will be \$240 for teachers in non-NEFEC districts, \$180 for NEFEC districts. Texts are available for loan for some classes.

University of South Florida

The University of South Florida offers three options for earning the Gifted Endorsement: a Master's in Gifted Education, a Graduate Certificate Program or a Non-Degree Seeking Program.