

The Florida Department of Education issues two types of Athletic Coaching Certificates, a 3-Year Temporary Certificate and a 5-Year Certificate. The 3-Year Temporary is issued to give the coach time to complete the requirements for the 5-Year Certificate.

Who needs it?

1. Coaches who are paid a coaching supplement, but don't hold a valid Temporary or Professional Educator Certificate. This includes cheerleading coaches if their assignment is a competitive sport.
2. Unpaid volunteer coaches who are employees of the District School Board of Collier County and do not hold a Temporary or Professional Certificate.

An application for Athletic Coaching Educator Certification must be made online with the Department of Education at

1. A fee of \$75.00 must be paid by either VISA or MasterCard.
 2. Fingerprint results that are no older than one year. Anyone currently employed and previously printed, with fingerprints older than one year, may need to be reprinted at the District's expense. Contact Applicant Screening (377-0379) for verification of the need for reprints.
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1. Nine semester hours in athletic coaching to include the areas specified below (For certification requirements and course access information go to _____ or _____):
 - Three (3) semester hours in care and prevention of athletic injuries and the dangers of drug use including performance enhancing drugs,
 - Three (3) semester hours in coaching theory,
 - A course in theory and practice of coaching a specific sport, and
 2. A valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate issued by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. A CPR certificate or card issued by an entity approved by the Florida Department of Health is also acceptable.
 3. An application for a 5-year certificate made online at _____ which includes the fee of \$75.00 and verification of the completion of the above-mentioned course: official transcripts, certificate copies, etc.

The 5-year Athletic Coaching certificate must be renewed every five years by submitting an application and fee. However, if the course requirements have changed since the last certificate was issued; the applicant must complete the new requirements to be eligible for another 5-Year Certificate.

If you have questions, please contact the Certification Office at 377-0363.

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