Certification Requirements: Elementary, PK-6 (305)

1) A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2) A minimum of 39 semester hours of college credit in general education including:

- A three-credit survey course in United States history

AND

- Coursework in the five following areas
  - natural science (biology, chemistry, earth science, physics)
  - English
  - social studies (psychology, sociology, economics, political science, or anthropology)
  - mathematics
  - fine arts (visual art, music) or foreign language

3) A subject area major in any one subject area (not professional education) **or**

A 39-credit interdisciplinary major consisting of at least 18 credits in one subject area and the remaining credits distributed among no more than three additional subject areas (not professional education).

Note: A minimum of six credits in child and/or human growth and development is required, and may be met as part of the subject area major or general academic course requirement.

4) A minimum of 30 semester hours of college credit in professional education in a planned program of study and experience in elementary education, including:

- foundations of education (e.g., philosophy of education, school effectiveness, history of education and comparative education)
- educational psychology (e.g., growth and development children from birth through the life span, psychology of learning, child-adolescent psychology)
- curriculum and methods of teaching including six credits in language arts (e.g., reading, writing, speaking, spelling, literacy)
- student teaching (minimum of six credits)
- an approved three-credit course of study in special education including gifted and talented.

5) A passing score on the four Praxis Elementary subtests, and the Pearson Foundations of Reading test.