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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** District School Superintendents  
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**FROM:** Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

**DATE:** April 7, 2006

**SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Rule 6A-4.006, General and Professional Preparation**

Section 1012.56(5) (f), Florida Statutes, includes an option for teachers to satisfy one of the requirements for a Professional Certificate, mastery of professional preparation and education competence, by completion of specified college courses in combination with a passing score on the Professional Education Section of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination and classroom demonstration of education competence during the initial year of teaching. The current requirements for this college course analysis option have not been substantially revised in decades.

The attached rule revisions are being proposed so that the course requirements will more closely align to the priority teacher competencies and requirements in the other professional preparation options including the traditional college preparation programs as recently revised and approved by the State Board of Education. In addition to having consistency within the multiple options for satisfying professional preparation, other principles guiding these revisions are the need to delete unnecessary language and to streamline requirements for a concise plan that includes the most critical competencies for teacher success in raising student achievement. It is believed that these changes will result in better-trained and more effective teachers.

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If you have comments to share relating to the attached draft rule, please send those comments in writing to [beverly.gregory@fldoe.org](mailto:beverly.gregory@fldoe.org). The draft rule is to be advertised beginning April 7, 2006, in the *Florida Administrative Weekly* for presentation to the State Board of Education for approval. Thank you for all you do for Florida's children.

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Attachment