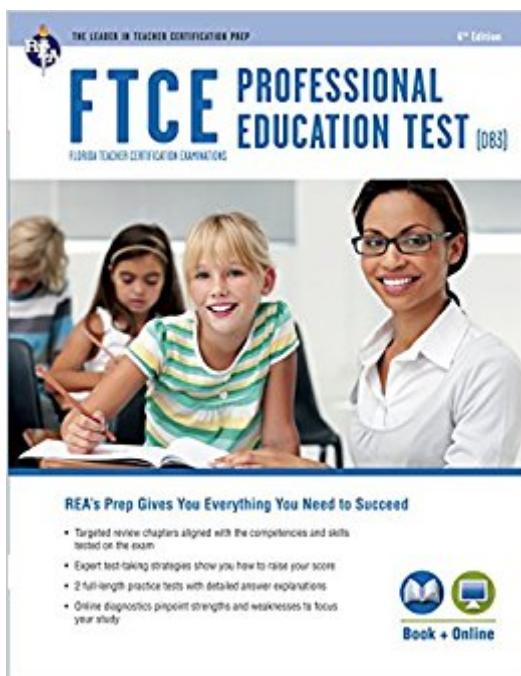


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# FTCE Professional Ed (083) Book + Online (FTCE Teacher Certification Test Prep)



## Synopsis

REA's FTCE Professional Education (083) Test Prep with Online Practice Tests Gets You Certified and in the Classroom! Nationwide, more than 4 million teachers will be needed over the next decade, and all must take the appropriate tests to be licensed. REA gets you ready for your teaching career with our outstanding library of Teacher Certification test preps. REA's FTCE Professional Education (083) test prep is designed to help you master the information on this important exam, bringing you one step closer to being certified to teach in Florida. It's perfect for college students, out-of-state teachers, and career-changing professionals who are looking to become Florida teachers. Written by Florida teacher education experts, our complete study package contains an in-depth review of all the competencies and skills tested on the FTCE Professional Education (083) test, including: instructional design and planning, student-centered learning environments, knowledge of the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the education profession in Florida, and more. Based on actual FTCE exams, our online diagnostic test and two full-length practice tests assess every competency, type of question, and skill you need to know. The online practice tests at the REA Study Center come with automatic scoring, timed testing conditions, and diagnostic feedback to help you zero in on the topics and types of questions that give you trouble now, so you can succeed on test day. The book includes the same two practice tests that are offered online, but without the added benefits of automatic scoring analysis and diagnostic feedback. This test prep is a must-have for anyone who wants to teach in Florida!

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Professional Education Book + Online Prep package includes:

- A complete overview of the FTCE Professional Education test
- A comprehensive review of every competency
- An online diagnostic test to pinpoint your strengths and weaknesses and focus your study
- Two full-length practice tests, both in the book and online, with powerful diagnostic tools to help you personalize your prep
- Detailed answer explanations that not only identify the correct answers, but also explain why the other answer choices are incorrect

There are many different ways to prepare for the FTCE Professional Education test. What's best for you depends on how much time you have to study and how comfortable you are with the subject matter. Our book and online tests give you the tools you need to customize your prep so you can make the most of your study time.

**How to Use This Book + Online Prep About the Review**

The review chapters in this book are designed to help you sharpen your command of pedagogy and professional practices to help you excel on the FTCE Professional Education test. All the skills required for each of the eight competencies are discussed at length to optimize your understanding. Keep in mind that the education courses you have taken thus far have taught you what you need to know to answer the questions on the test. You already possess the know-how to understand and make important decisions about professional situations involving students. Our review is designed to help you relate the information you have acquired to Florida's specific competencies.

**Studying your class notes and textbooks together with our review will give you an excellent springboard for passing the exam.**

**About the REA Study Center**

We know your time is valuable and you want an efficient study experience. At the online REA Study Center ([www.rea.com/studycenter](http://www.rea.com/studycenter)), you will get diagnostic feedback right from the start on what you know and what you don't know. Here's what you'll find at the Study Center:

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  - **Automatic Scoring** • Find out how you did on your test, instantly.
  - **Diagnostic Score Reports** • Get a specific score tied to each competency, so you can focus on the areas that challenge you the most.
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practice, so you'll feel confident on test day. An Overview of the Test Who Takes the Test? The FTCE Professional Education test is taken by teacher candidates seeking certification in Florida. Passing this test is one of the requirements for your first five-year Florida Professional Educator's Certificate. You are eligible to take the test if you are:

- Enrolled in a college or university teacher-education program
- Teaching under provisional certification
- Making a career change to public school teaching

Consult the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Educator Certification at [wwwfldoeorg/edcert](http://wwwfldoeorg/edcert) to determine which tests you need to take. What Is the Format of the Test? All FTCE tests are computerized. The FTCE Professional Education test is strictly a multiple-choice exam, but you'll find distinctive types of questions that we'll help you to recognize. In general, the 120 multiple-choice questions require various levels of critical thinking—mirroring the classroom imperative to promote exactly this among your future students. You will encounter three basic types of questions, or items:

- Direct question. Your task is to select the answer choice that best answers the question.
- Sentence completion. Your task is to select the answer choice that best completes the sentence.
- Scenario. Your task is (a) to evaluate a situation, problem or case study, and then (b) select a response that answers a question, makes a diagnosis or offers a recommended course of action.

Each question has four answer choices labeled A, B, C, and D. You will have 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete the exam. Who Administers the Test? The test is developed and administered by the Florida Department of Education in collaboration with the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson Education, Inc. Official information on the test is available by contacting the test developer at: FTCE/FELE Customer Service Evaluation Systems Pearson P.O. Box 660 Amherst, MA 01004-9018 Phone: (866) 613-3281 (toll free) or (413) 256-2893 Website: [wwwflnesinccom](http://wwwflnesinccom)

How do I Register for the Test? Is There a Registration Fee? To register for the exam, visit the official test website ([wwwflnesinccom](http://wwwflnesinccom)) and follow the instructions. (First-time users will be required to create an account.) You can register for the test online anytime. The test requires a registration fee, which may be paid by personal check, money order, cashier's check, or Visa or MasterCard.

How is the Test Scored? According to the Florida Department of Education, depending on which FTCE test form you take, you will need to get about 71 percent of the items correct to pass. So out of 120 items, you need to answer approximately 85 correctly to be successful. This equates with a scale score of 200. This brings us to a common procedure in standardized testing called "equating," which means that the required number of correct responses varies based on the number of scorable test questions and the difficulty of the questions on a given test form, as the Florida DOE puts it. Equating is done to

equalize varying levels of item difficulty as represented on different test forms. For example, test-takers must answer more questions correctly on an easier form of the FTCE test than on a more difficult form in order to end up with the same passing scale score of 200. When Will I Receive My Score Report? Official test scores are released within four weeks of the testing date. You will receive an email notifying you when your official score report is available in your account. An unofficial score report will be provided immediately after your testing session. Can I Retake the Test? If you don't do well on the FTCE Professional Education test, don't panic! You can take the exam again, and in fact, many candidates do. Retakes are available after a waiting period of 31 days. You must reregister for the exam and pay a retake fee. REA's *6 + 6 Test-Taking Strategies and Tips* A good bit of your success on this test will hinge on your ability to be alternately strategic and tactical in your plan of attack. Our *6 + 6 Test-Taking Strategies and Tips* plan will help get you through. We'll cover six key FTCE-specific strategies plus six key test tips that apply to most standardized tests. A major part of succeeding on the FTCE Professional Education test is figuring out how to decode the items as efficiently as possible. Regardless of the type of question, each test item is rooted in a specific competency and descriptive statement. Be sure to use our review to familiarize yourself with the competencies and skills associated with the Professional Education certificate. Each test-item stem contains clues and limiters to help you narrow down the correct answer. Picking the correct response option depends on your ability to identify the competency implied in the item stem and selecting the response that matches the parameters established in the stem. At first, any of the four response options may seem plausible. In fact, picking the correct response does not mean that the other responses will thereby represent abjectly or otherwise obviously poor choices. Instead, you need to consider which response option best fits the parameters of the stem. In other words, the correct response is conditional or situational because it applies specifically to the circumstances presented in the stem. Six Strategies to Decode FTCE Test Items FTCE Strategy #1. Read the item stem slowly and carefully. While you will be interacting with a computer screen, you will also be given scratch paper on which you can make relevant notes to help you work through the items. FTCE Strategy #2. Pay attention to any limiters included in the stem, such as initial, best, most (as in "most appropriate" or "most likely"), first, required or necessary. In items that include these and similar terms, the limiters will enable you to eliminate response options that might work in the scenario but do not fit with the limitation established by the stem. FTCE Strategy #3. On the basis of the previous two strategies, identify the FTCE competency that is being addressed by the stem. Inferring the targeted competency will enable you to eliminate response options that do not apply to that

competency. Identifying the competency represented by the item stem is the most crucial step in ensuring that you respond correctly to the item. FTCE Strategy #4. Read each response option carefully. This is not a time for skimming. Circle or underline any terms that seem particularly important in the responses. Do not expect obvious wrong answers or “trick” responses. FTCE test items are constructed to activate higher-order thinking skills that reflect the certification candidate’s breadth of knowledge in the tested competencies and skills. FTCE Strategy #5. Do not pick your response hastily. As you go about eliminating three of the four response options, make sure you understand why the response is wrong—why it does not fit the parameters established by the stem. FTCE Strategy #6. When you make your response choice, double-check yourself by asking how the response fits the limitations established by the stem. Think of the stem as a puzzle piece with a blank that can be filled perfectly by only one of the response options.

Very organized. The book is actually a great refresher on teaching pedagogy. However, the TEST IS NOTHING LIKE THE BOOK. ANY OF THE BOOKS!! That's why I only gave it 4 stars. There is no way to study for the exam actually. The questions are very divergent. I passed the exam but I used more common sense than actual specific teaching practices, strategies, pedagogy. Like most tests, it provides an answer that is correct but also provides an answer that is correct and "better." You'll see! Good Luck!

It's an alright book. It is a little bare in details in some parts and the tests are a bit too easy. Plus the online content I was supposed to get was not working. Every time I entered the code it gave me an AP world history prep review. It didn't really matter. I used this book with the CliffsNotes FTCE Professional Education Test 2nd Edition and passed.

I just took the professional Ed exam on Monday and I didn't pass. I studied with this book for about a month and knew it like the back of my hand and the test was NOTHING like this book. I liked the book and I learned a lot from it but not in terms of the test. I was so frustrated after failing. I'm retaking it in June. I'm going to try the cliff notes book.

I literally read the whole book and passed the test.

The FTCE Professional Education Test study guide was very helpful in preparing for the Florida

Educator's Licensing Exam. It is comprehensive in what is covered and even has additional online study material and practice tests. Definitely worth it's weight in gold.

my friend and I took the exam. We both passed using this book AND the Cliff's notes book. This book is great because it really mimics the types of questions on the actual exam.

I had used the online access code to take a diagnostic exam and got a 73%. After reading through the book, I took the first practice test and got an 85%. I am very happy with the help that this book gave me for my Prof. Ed exam. It goes along with the NEW exam that was released in 2014 and includes the new FEAPs. Although I had an issue with the product key (that customer service quickly resolved), I would definitely recommend this book to those that are studying for the FTCE Professional Education exam.

This book did not help me at all on the Professional Certification Exam! Nothing on here was really on the exam. I was very upset!

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