

# PROVISIONAL vs. CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

Evaluate the process to make a decision which one you will choose.

	<u>PROVISIONAL (PCTF) PATH</u> <u>to Certification</u>	<u>CONDITIONAL (CCTF) PATH</u> <u>to Certification</u>
Availability Areas	Available for most any subject <b>except</b> Early Ed, Elementary Ed, Special Ed, & Career Technical	<b>Limited to areas of teacher shortage</b> P-12 - ESOL. 6-12 - Algebra I, Biology, Chemistry, ELA, Gen. Science, Geometry, Math, Physics. 4-8 – ELA. Gen. Science, Math.
Degree Required	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
Minimum GPA Requirements	On Bachelor's 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. For those with 2.0 – 2.74 higher Praxis score required. On Master's 3.0	On Bachelor's 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. For those with GPA 2.0-2.74 higher Praxis score required. On Master's 3.0
Certificate Length	Three one-year certificates in succession	One Certificate valid for three years
Renewal ?	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Teaching Experience Required for Regular Professional Certificate	<b>Three Years</b>	<b>One Year</b>
Praxis Requirement	Required prior to admission	Required prior to admission
Additional Requirements	Four specific designated college courses taken over two-years with a grade of C or higher. Two courses per year.	Five Modules taken online Modules range in hours from 27 to 54 hours Can be completed in one year but allowed up to three years.
Professional Development Entity	<u>Alabama</u> Colleges or Universities	Alabama Teachers of Tomorrow <a href="http://www.teachersoftomorrow.org/alabama">www.teachersoftomorrow.org/alabama</a>
<b>COST</b>	Tuition varies by college or university Undergraduate tuition can vary from \$225 per credit hour (Athens State) to approximately \$344 per credit hour (USA) or more at other colleges or universities. Each course is 3 semester hours.	Modules range in cost from \$295 to \$775 – Payable one Module at a time. Total of \$3100
<b>edTPA</b>	Required	<b>Not Required</b>
<b>Short cut</b>	No	Yes, can apply for regular Professional certificate as soon as modules are completed.
<b>DEADLINE</b>	Must be received before October 1	Must be received before October 1