

## **EPI Course Substitutions**

The Educator Preparation Institutes, of which the Palm Beach State College Teacher Certification Program is a part, were based on a model of developing teacher competencies. The EPI courses are designed to deliver content and develop skills differently from traditional teacher preparation coursework. The standard operating procedures of substitution credits often seen at the college and university level will not apply.

First year and second year undergraduate traditional education courses are not considered for substitutions in the Educator Preparation Institute at Palm Beach State College, following the recommendations and guidelines of the Florida Department of Education.

Substitution requests and approvals are intentionally kept to a minimum within the EPI program at Palm Beach State College. If a request is received, the course syllabus, institution where the course was taken, and time when the course was taken will initially be considered. If a substitution is allowed, Palm Beach State College requires the student to demonstrate competency by successfully completing the exact artifacts required of all EPI students.

It is the institution which is held accountable for the performance of the teachers it produces. Palm Beach State College's goal is to produce highly-effective teachers having the skills to successfully implement the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.