NYS Initial Certification Options
Once You Have Completed a Bachelor’s or Higher Degree

1. Completion of a state approved teacher certification master’s program at a college or university offering such programs.

NYU Steinhardt offers state approved teacher certification master’s programs that lead to recommendation for New York State Initial Certification in the following areas:

Art Education
Childhood Education
Childhood Education/Special Education 1-6
Dance Education
Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood Education/Special Education B-2
Educational Theatre
English as a Second Language (TESOL)
English Education
Foreign Language Education
Mathematics Education
Music Education
Science Education (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
Social Studies Education
Speech and Language Disabilities

See [http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/](http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/)

2. An alternative certification program like the New York City Teaching Fellows Program
See [www.nycteachingfellows.org/](http://www.nycteachingfellows.org/)

3. Applying directly on your own to the New York State Education Department’s Office of Teaching in Albany and satisfying the application via Individual Evaluation Pathway regulations, see [www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert) The Individual Evaluation Pathway is not available for all areas of certification. For example, the NYSED does not accept applications for Early Childhood B-2, Childhood 1-6, English Language Arts 7-12 or Literacy via the Individual Evaluation Pathway.

*All options require workshops, if not included in program, as well as completion of required exams and fingerprinting*