

Teacher Certification and Field Work Requirements for Selected Graduate Degree Programs

Questions about New York State teacher certification and NYU's field requirements come up often in the admissions process. The Office of Graduate Admissions is pleased to provide our applicants with the following basic information that applies only to those who are seeking teacher certification for the first time (pre-service) through NYU's state approved M.A. programs. The information provided here reflects only information regarding acceptance and completion of NYU's state-approved teacher certification programs.

There are a number of ways that individuals may become certified teachers. One way is to successfully complete one of NYU Steinhardt's state approved teacher certification programs. To be eligible for consideration to our master's degree programs, applicants must meet the content core requirement for their intended certification area as regulated by the New York State Education Department. Generally this means having completed an undergraduate or graduate major in the proposed certification area as well as certain liberal arts courses. When reviewing applications the Admissions Committee first determines an applicant's eligibility by evaluating his or her academic credentials against these teacher certification requirements. In addition, NYU Steinhardt students seeking institutional recommendation for teacher certification must fulfill New York State's mandated field requirements.

On the second page of this document you will find detailed information about NYU's content core requirements by Teacher Certification Area that must be met prior to enrolling in a Steinhardt graduate degree program. These take into account any content courses included in our master's curriculum. Course deficiencies may be fulfilled by enrolling for college-level courses at any regionally accredited college or by completing approved CLEP exams (<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html>). In reviewing applications, the Admissions Committee evaluates courses appearing on your college transcript(s). Advanced Placement (AP) or CLEP credits will be included in the review. If there are courses you plan to take prior to enrolling that are not listed on a transcript, we encourage you to inform the Committee by completing the "Courses in Progress Form" available on the last page of this document. Courses must bear academic credit and show a grade, equivalent to "C" or better. Please note: applicants to the Fast Track option in our Department of Teaching and Learning **MUST** meet all requirements prior to enrolling.

Once enrolled, NYU Steinhardt students seeking institutional recommendation for teacher certification must complete two distinct field components: one semester of field work and two semesters of student teaching. New York State mandates that all students beginning Teacher Certification programs must complete 100 hours of field work (150 hours for dual certification programs) prior to student teaching. This means that all full-time first-semester students will be required to spend no fewer than two mornings per week to satisfy the field work requirement. The Office of Clinical Studies will assign students in field placements at NYU affiliated New York City Schools. In addition, all teacher certification program students must complete at least two semesters of NYU supervised student teaching in NYU affiliated schools. NYU Steinhardt faculty have determined that given our placement in a large urban center, at least one of the placements must be in a school serving a population of students of whom at least 50% are eligible for free or reduced lunch. While you may begin one of NYU's teacher certification programs on a part-time basis, the demands of New York State's mandated student teaching require, in effect, a full-time commitment during the school day (typically Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Please direct any specific questions to the appropriate office noted below. We hope this information is useful in planning your teaching career.

**NYU Steinhardt
Office of Graduate Admissions**
Admissions, financial aid, and
housing questions.

Pless Hall, 3rd Floor
82 Washington Square East

Phone: 212 998 5030
Email:
steinhardt.gradadmissions@nyu.edu

**New York State
Education Department
Office of College and University Evaluation(OCUE)**
General Liberal Arts and Sciences information

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/ocue/lrp/liberalarts.htm>

Semester Hour Credits
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/sch.html>

**New York State
Education Department**
Responsible for certification issues,
teaching policy, and provides supportive
services for teachers, schools, and the
public.

Office of Teaching Initiatives
Certification Unit
NYS Education Department
5N Education Building
Albany, New York 12234
www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert
Phone: 518 474 3901

Childhood / Early Childhood Education including Dual Programs with Special Education (CHED, ECED, CSEC, ESEE)

- Liberal arts major or 30 semester hours in a **single** liberal arts concentration
- 3 semester hours of English
- 3 semester hours of mathematics (includes statistics)
- 3 semester hours of natural or physical sciences
- 3 semester hours of social science/studies
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Art Education (AREI)

- 36 semester hours in studio art and art history; a maximum of 12 hours can be in art history
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Dual Art Education and Social Studies (ARES)

- 30 semester hours in studio art and art history; a maximum of 12 hours can be in art history
- 15 semester hours of history and geography of the U.S. and the world
- 3 semester hours of government, politics, or political science
- 3 semester hours of economics
- 3 additional semester hours of history, geography, government, politics, political science, economics, sociology, anthropology
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Educational Theatre (EDTA)

- 36 semester hours of drama, theatre, dramatic literature, or their equivalent
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Dual Educational Theatre and English (ETED)

- 30 semester hours of educational theatre
- 30 semester hours of English including dramatic literature
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Dual Educational Theatre and Social Studies (ETSS)

- 9 semester hours of acting, directing and production
- 9 semester hours of dramatic literature
- 6 semester hours of theatre history
- 15 semester hours of history and geography of the U.S. and the world
- 3 semester hours of economics
- 3 semester hours of government, or political science
- 3 semester hours in the social sciences with the exception of psychology and philosophy
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Dance Education (DATC)

- Contact the program office for more detailed information: (212) 998-5400; ed.dance@nyu.edu; steinhardt.nyu.edu/music/dance

Music Education (MUSA)

- 36 semester hours of music
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

English Education (ENGL)

- English major or 30 semester hours in English that includes 12 semester hours of literature, 3-6 semester hours in language, and 3-6 semester hours in writing
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Social Studies Education (SSST)

- 15 semester hours of history and geography of the U.S. and the world
- 3 semester hours of government, politics, or political science
- 3 semester hours of economics
- 3 additional semester hours of history, geography, government, politics, political science, economics, sociology, anthropology
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Mathematics Education (MTHE)

- Mathematics major or 30 semester hours in mathematics that includes two semesters of calculus
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Science Education (CRSP)

- Major in the target area or 30 semester hours in the target area
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English. American Sign Language is acceptable.

Foreign Language Education (FLCE, FLFH, FLIN, FLJE, FLSH)

- Major in the target language or 30 semester hours of coursework in the target language

English as a Second Language (TSOG)

- Liberal arts major or 30 semester hours in a single liberal arts concentration
- 3 semester hours of mathematics (includes statistics)
- 3 semester hours of natural or physical sciences
- 3 semester hours of social studies
- 12 semester hours of a language other than English

Dual Foreign Language Education & English as a Second Language (FLTS)

- Major in the target language or 30 semester hours of coursework in the target language
- Liberal arts major or 30 semester hours in a single liberal arts concentration
- 3 semester hours of English
- 3 semester hours of mathematics (includes statistics)
- 3 semester hours of natural or physical sciences
- 3 semester hours of social studies

Courses In Progress Form for Master's Degree Teacher Certification Programs

This form may be used to assist the Admissions Committee in evaluating your academic credentials against teacher certification requirements. Use it to notify the Committee of courses you plan to take prior to enrolling at NYU Steinhardt that are not listed on your academic transcript. Include this completed form with your graduate admissions application. Content core requirements are considered met only after official documents are submitted and reviewed by the appropriate advisor.

Applicant Name:	Social Security Number or NYU ID:
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Name of School	Course Number & Title	Semester & Number of Credits