OFFICE OF GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Teacher Certification Content Core Requirements for Selected Graduate Degree Programs

Questions about New York State teacher certification come up often in the admissions process; therefore, the Office of Graduate Admissions is pleased to provide our applicants with the following basic information which applies only to those who are seeking teacher certification for the first time (pre-service). Please carefully review this information and direct any specific questions to the appropriate office as noted below.

There are a number of ways that individuals may become certified teachers. One way is to successfully complete a state approved teacher certification program such as those offered at NYU Steinhardt. When reviewing applications the Admissions Committee first determines an applicant’s eligibility by evaluating his or her academic credentials against teacher certification requirements. 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.

On the second page of this document you will find detailed information about content core requirements by program. These requirements already take into account any content courses included in our master’s curriculum, therefore, requirements must be met prior to enrolling in a Steinhardt graduate degree program. Applicants to the Fast Track option in our Department of Teaching & Learning MUST meet all requirements prior to enrolling.

Course deficiencies may be fulfilled by enrolling for college-level courses at any regionally accredited college or by completing approved CLEP exams. Courses must bear academic credit and show a grade.

In reviewing applications, the Admissions Committee evaluates courses appearing on your college transcript(s). Courses must show a letter grade. 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.

We wish you the best in your pursuit of a teaching career!

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Office of Graduate Admissions
Admissions, financial aid, and housing questions.

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Email: ed.gradadmissions@nyu.edu

NYU Steinhardt
Teacher Certification Officer
Specific questions regarding certification matters.

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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
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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 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
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English or American Sign Language

Art Education (ARTA)
- 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 or American Sign Language

Educational Theatre (EDTA)
- 36 semester hours of drama, theatre, dramatic literature, or their equivalent
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English or American Sign Language

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 or American Sign Language

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 or American Sign Language

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

Music Education (MUSA)
- 36 semester hours of music
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English or American Sign Language

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 or American Sign Language

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 or American Sign Language

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 or American Sign Language

Science Education (SBLY, SChY, SPHY)
- Major in the target area or 30 semester hours in the target area
- 3 semester hours of a language other than English or American Sign Language

Foreign Language Education (FLCE, FLFH, FLGN, FLHW, FLIN, FLJE, FLLN, FLRN, 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 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 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.

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