New York State Teacher Certification Requirements

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Certification Requirements

- All teachers **must** have a valid New York State teacher certification to teach in New York State.

- All teachers must have be certified in the **appropriate subject area** for their instruction.

- Finger print clearance
Initial & Professional Certificates

- Replaces Provisional & Permanent Licenses
- Initial Certificate – valid for five years
- Professional Certificate – is an advanced certificate for teachers who have a master’s degree and three years of teaching experience. Continuously valid with completion and documentation of required professional development hours within a five-year professional development cycle.
Pathways

Multiple pathways are available to obtain New York State teacher Initial certification:

- Approved Teacher Preparation Programs
- Individual Evaluation
- Reciprocity – other state or US territory
- National Board Certification
Suggestion

- Applicants for Certification should click and create a TEACH account. Once an account is created, the applicant can login to TEACH to apply for Certification through the approved program pathway.
Welcome to the Office of Teaching Initiatives Website

- http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/
Requirements for Initial Certification

- Verification of Background Clearance by the state
- Official transcripts showing proof of at least a bachelor’s degree
- Taken three workshops
  - Child Abuse Identification
  - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
  - Dignity for All Students Act
- Passing scores on the required examinations
  - EAS - Educating All Students test
  - edTPA - Teacher Performance Assessment
  - performance and instructional practice
  - CST - Content Specialty Test
Approved Teacher Preparation Program

- http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certlp/ReqDetailDescription.do?cpclId=2&detailType=CERT_PATH&hidId=0
Approved Teacher Preparation Programs (in NY state)

- Programs in private universities and colleges
- Programs in SUNY-New York State Universities
- Programs in CUNY- Colleges in New York City
Approved Teacher Preparation Program

A person may complete a teacher education program in a New York college or university (View a list of the NYS registered Teacher Preparation Programs) and be recommended for a certificate provided that program has been registered by the Department as leading to the designated certificate.

The institutional recommendation is completed by the recommending institution using TEACH Online Services. The institution also provides each applicant with a "Student Application Information Sheet" outlining all the information the student needs in order to apply for a certificate through the approved program pathway. Applicants for Certification should click and create a TEACH account. Once an account is created, the applicant can login to TEACH to apply for Certification through the approved program pathway. Contact your recommending institution for your "Student Application Information Sheet." College recommended applicants must also satisfy the testing requirement and obtain fingerprint clearance before the certificate can be issued.
Individual Evaluation of Non-U.S. Credentials

- Please logon to

http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/evalforeigncred.html

Applicants should apply through

- Submit original credentials or U.S. notarized copies of original credentials and U.S. notarized English translations of all credentials by U.S. Certified Mail.
Citizenship/ Residency Requirement

Please be advised, you are required to have a US social security number before we can issue you a teaching certificate.

United States citizenship or permanent residence status is required for Permanent and Professional Certification only. View a list of acceptable forms of proof of residency.
Reciprocity – other state or US territory

http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/teachrecother.htm
Applicants from Other States

The Office of Teaching Initiatives can not determine eligibility for certification until an application has been submitted, and a review of your credentials has been completed.

New York State does not pre-approve teacher preparation programs completed in other U.S. States or Territories.

The options below are only for out-of-state applicants interested in the following certification areas:

- Classroom Teacher
- Administrator

NOTE: Pupil Personnel Services titles (School Counseling, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, etc.) are not available through interstate reciprocity. Out-of-state applicants interested in those titles must apply through the "Individual Evaluation" pathway.

The Initial Certificate is the entry-level certificate for classroom teachers (issued in specific subject/grade titles) and the entry-level certificate for the School Building Leader (SBL).
Select an option from the column that best describes you

I completed three years of certified public school experience in another single U.S. State or Territory within the last five years and want to become a:

- Classroom Teacher
- School Building Leader
- School District Leader
- School District Business Leader

I completed a teacher or school administration program at a College in another U.S. State or Territory and want to become a:

- Classroom Teacher
- School Building Leader
- School District Leader
- School District Business Leader

Specific Information Regarding (Click to see information):

- Applicants who Possess a Special Education Certificate in Another State
- Applicants who Possess a Science Certificate in Another State
- Speech and Language Disabilities Classroom Teaching Certificate
- Foreign Applicants (Applicants from Other Countries)
- Certificate Endorsements / Add-on Certificates
- Pupil Personnel Certification (School Social Worker, School Psychologist, School Counselor, School Nursing, School Dental Hygiene, School Attendance Teacher)
How to Apply

1. To apply online, click

2. Upon completion of your application, apply for fingerprinting using your TEACH account.
   - For information about the fingerprint process, go to Fingerprinting.

3. Official Transcripts: Contact the registrar's office of each college/university you attended and ask that they submit official transcripts to this office. How to Submit Documents

4. If applicable, mail copies of your out-of-state certificates (including those that have expired)

Address:
Office of Teaching Initiatives
New York State Education Department
89 Washington Ave, 5N EB
Albany, New York 12234

1. Program must be similar to a New York State-registered teacher preparation program completed at a New York State College/University. Comparability based on Official Compilation of Closed. Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (8 CRR-NY §2.21).

2. Certificate must be active in the state of issuance.

3. A "regular" certificate, in an equivalent subject area and similar grade-level, that has no limits/restriction. A list of acceptable-level certificates can be found at:
   http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/levelcert.html

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National Board Certification

http://www.highered.nysed.gov/NBPTS.html

The National Board Certification Process in New York

National Board Funding Announcement

The New York State Education Department is pleased to announce the continued availability of funding to support qualified New York State teachers entering the National Board Certification process through the New York State Albert Shanker Grant Program. Click here for the information.
Additional National Board Certification Resources

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Top 10 Tips for Pursuing NBC

The Five Core Propositions

What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do

For further information, contact:
Office of Postsecondary Access, Support and Success (OPASS)
89 Washington Ave.
Room 505W, Education Building
Albany, New York 12234
Phone: 1-518-474-3719
(518) 474-7468 FAX
shanker@nysed.gov

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Bilingual Supplemental Cert.
Approved Teacher Preparation Program
(Valid for three year unless complete the program)

Requirements:
- Hold a Valid NYS Classroom Teaching/Pupil Personnel Certificate
- Enrolled in a NYS Registered Program - Bilingual Education
- Institutional Recommendation - Bilingual Education
- Completion of Prerequisite Coursework - Theories of bilingual education and multicultural perspectives - 3 credits
- Demonstrated LOTE Proficiency
- Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
- Fingerprint Clearance
- School District Recommendation - Supplementary Bilingual Education Extension

(Valid for three year unless complete the program)
Valid Base Certificates for Bilingual Extension

A list of base certificates valid for a Bilingual Extension is found at:

http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/getExtensions.do?baseInd=N&certType=83&certSubjectLevel=593&hidDesclId=0&crclId=33&WIN_TYPE=null

Note: An ESOL Teacher Certificate is not a valid base for a Bilingual Extension.
Bilingual Education Extension
Approved Teacher Preparation Program

Requirements:
- Existing Valid Base NYSED Certification
- Completion of a NYS Registered Program - Bilingual Education Extension
- Institutional Recommendation - Bilingual Education Extension
- Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA)
- Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
- Fingerprint Clearance
Bilingual Education Extension
Individual Evaluation

Requirements:
- Existing Valid Base NYSED Certification
- Content Core - Bilingual Education – Meet all the requirements for the Extension with About 15 credits
  - College Coursework - Theories of bilingual education
  - College Coursework - Multicultural Perspectives
  - College Coursework - Sociolinguistics or psycholinguistics
  - College Coursework - Teaching English to English language learners
  - College Coursework - Teaching native language arts to English language learners
  - College Coursework - Teaching content to English language learners using native language and English
- Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA)
- Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
- Fingerprint Clearance
TESOL Supplemental Certificate
Approved Teacher Preparation Program
(Valid for three years unless complete the program)

Requirements:

- Hold a Valid NYS Classroom Teaching/Pupil Personnel Certificate
- **Enrolled in** a NYS Registered Program – TESOL
- Institutional Recommendation - TESOL
- Completion of some coursework –
  - Teaching Literacy Skills Methods and  6 credits
  - Teaching Literacy Skills-about 6 credits
  - Methods of teaching English to Speakers of other Languages-about 6 credits
- Content Specialty Test (CST) – ESOL
- Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
- Fingerprint Clearance
- School District Recommendation - Supplementary Bilingual Education Extension
TESOL Additional Certificate
Approved Teacher Prep Program - Additional Certificate

Requirements:
- Holds a Valid NYS Teaching Certificate
- Completion of a NYS Registered Program - English To Speakers Of Other Languages
- Institutional Recommendation - English To Speakers Of Other Languages
- Content Specialty Test (CST) – ESOL
- Workshop – Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop – School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
- Fingerprint Clearance
TESOL Additional Certificate
Individual Evaluation

Requirements:
- Holds a Valid NYS Teaching Certificate
  - Content Core - Major or Equivalent in One of the Liberal Arts & Sciences -
    - College Coursework - Linguistics
    - College Coursework - English Grammar
    - College Coursework - Language other than English (including American Sign Language)
- Pedagogical Core
  - College Coursework - Teaching Literacy Skills Methods
  - College Coursework - Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages -
- Content Specialty Test (CST) - ESOL
- Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
- Fingerprint Clearance
Pathway for ESOL Teachers to Obtain Content Area Supplementary Certification

- English to Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) certified teachers may obtain a supplementary certificate to work in a district where a shortage exists for that content area.
Content Area Supplementary Certification

An ESOL certified teacher who has

- a valid New York state teaching certificate
- twelve semester hours in the content area
- passed the appropriate content area test
- Need school district recommendation

may apply for a supplementary certificate in that content area. This supplementary certificate is valid for three years.

For more information, please see:

http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CerRequirementHelp.do
What are the requirements for....

http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do
New Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) Requirements - The New Law

In March 2016, the Board of Regents advance for public comment regulations to implement the new State Law (Section 3006 of the Education Law) related to registration, CTLE and the approval of sponsors providing CTLE.
Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE)

- To complete 100 hours of continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) during each five year registration period.

- 50% of the CTLE hours for ENL and Bilingual teachers should be focused on best practices for co-teaching strategies, and integrating language and content instruction for ELLs. While 15% of the required CTLE hours for all other teachers should be focused on the same categories for ELLs.
Reflections and Questions
Resources

- Teaching Initiatives Web site:
  http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/

- Approved Teacher Preparation Program
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Resources

- National Board Certification
  
  http://www.highered.nysed.gov/NBPTS.html

- Teacher Certification Requirements
  
  http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do

  Required NYS Certification Exams
  
  http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/teacher_certification/required_exams

- Valid Base Certificates for Bilingual Extension
  
  http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/getExtensions.do?baseInd=N&certType=83&certSubjectLevel=593&hidDescl d=0&crcl d=33&WIN_TYPE=null
Resources

- Bilingual Extention
  

- Required NYS Certification Exams
  
  http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/teacher_certification/required_exams

- Teacher Program Grid
  

- ELL/MLL Educator Certification
  