

Checklist of Steps to File for New York State Certification

- Successfully complete New York State Teacher Certification Exams. Test dates, registration information and preparation guides are available online at www.nystce.nesinc.com.
- Proof of completion of the Child Health & Life Safety online seminar. Send email to fcooney@syr.edu for more information and to enroll.
- Meet with an advisor in the Office of Academic and Student Services, 270 Huntington Hall, to be sure all degree requirements will be completed. Call (315) 443-9319.
- Apply for fingerprinting clearance at least 6 months before graduation at 150 Huntington Hall or call (315) 443-2685.
- Apply for certification through TEACH Online Services at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/> preceding graduation. Directions will be made available prior to graduation.

Additional Information

- **New York State Department of Education**
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/> (518) 474-3901
- **To check the status** of your online certification application
<http://ohe33.nysed.gov/tcert/teach/>
- **New York State Teacher Certification Exams NYSTCE**
www.nystce.nesinc.com (413) 256-2882
- **School of Education:** <http://soe.syr.edu> (315) 443-4759

Certification in Other States

Please contact the state education department of that state for additional requirements.

*New York State Teaching Certification
is NOT automatic, you must apply for it!*



School of Education

New York State Certification

Requirements and Procedures 2008

Office of Academic and Student Services
270 Huntington Hall
Syracuse, New York 13244
315-443-4759

Initial and Professional Certification through SU recommendation

Initial Certification

- Is the first New York State certificate and has a 5 year life.
- Complete School of Education approved undergraduate or graduate teacher preparation program.
- Pass New York State teacher exams: Liberal Arts & Sciences test (**LAST**), Assessment of Teaching Skills-Written (**ATS-W**), and Content Specialty Test(s) (**CST**).
- Complete the Child Health & Life Safety online seminar, fingerprinting, online certification application, and must possess good moral character.

Professional Certification

- Must be earned before initial certificate expires.
- No exams required (except Speech & Language Disabilities).
- Requires Masters degree
- Requires 3 years full time teaching
- Professional development through school district
- For those with initial certification earned at the Bachelors level, options are:
 1. Masters degree to lead to professional certification in area of initial certification.
 2. Masters degree in a new certification area.
 3. A Masters degree, provided that 12 graduate credits of content related to the initial certificate are completed (as part of the Masters or in addition to it), as specified by New York State (must apply for certification directly to New York State Department of Education).
- Those completing initial certification through a Masters degree have met the academic requirements for professional certification.
- You must apply for initial certification within 2 years of graduation to be eligible for School of Education's recommendation.

Provisional/Permanent Certification

Those with provisional (not initial) teaching certification must meet the permanent (not professional) certification requirements in effect on the date of the certificate, but must meet the initial certification requirements for all new certificates.

Undergraduate Programs

Program Name

Art Education
 English Education
 Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education
 Inclusive Elementary & Special Education
 Mathematics Education
 Music Education
 Physical Education
 Science Education/Biology
 Science Education/Chemistry
 Science Education/Earth Science
 Science Education/Physics
 Social Studies Education

Certification Title

Visual Arts (All Grades)
 English Language Arts (7-12)
 Early Childhood (Birth-2) Students with Disabilities (Birth-2)
 Childhood Education (1-6) & Students with Disabilities (1-6)
 Mathematics (7-12)
 Music (All Grades)
 Physical Education (All Grades)
 Biology (7-12)
 Chemistry (7-12)
 Earth Science (7-12)
 Physics (7-12)
 Social Studies (7-12)

Graduate Programs

Program Name

Art Education Prep
 Art Education Professional Certification
 Childhood Education Prep (1-6)
 Counselor Education
 Early Childhood Special Education

Certification Title

Visual Arts (All Grades)
 Visual Arts (All Grades)
 Childhood Education (1-6)
 School Counselor (Provisional K-12)
 Early Childhood Education (Birth-2) & Students with Disabilities (Birth-2)

Educational Leadership

School Building Leader
 School District Leader

English Education Prep (7-12)
 Inclusive Special Education Prep (1-6)
 Inclusive Special Education Prep (7-12)

English Language Arts (7-12)
 Students with Disabilities (1-6)
 Students with Disabilities (7-12) (to match prior certification)

Inclusive Special Education: Severe/ Multiple Disabilities

Students with Disabilities (to match prior certification)

*Library & Info Science: School Media

Library Media Specialist (All Grades)

Literacy Education (Birth-6)

Literacy (Birth-6)

Literacy Education (5-12)

Literacy (5-12)

Mathematics Education Prep (7-12)

Mathematics (7-12)

Music Education Prep

Music (All Grades)

Music Education

Professional Certification - MS/MMUS

Music (All Grades)

Science/Biology Prep (7-12)

Biology (7-12)

Science/Chemistry Prep (7-12)

Chemistry (7-12)

Science/Earth Science Prep (7-12)

Earth Science (7-12)

Science/Physics Prep (7-12)

Physics (7-12)

Social Studies Prep (7-12)

Social Studies (7-12)

**Speech-Language Pathology (NYT)

Speech & Language Disabilities (All Grades)

Teaching English Language Learners

English to Speakers of Other Languages (All Grades)

*Program offered through School of Information Studies

**Program offered through College of Arts & Sciences