

Checklist of Steps to File for New York State Certification

- Successfully complete New York State Teacher Certification Exams. Information, test dates, and registration is available online at www.nystce.nesinc.com.
- Proof of completion of Child Health & Life Safety online seminar. Email nyschlss@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.
- Apply for fingerprinting clearance (150 Huntington Hall or call 443-1468).
- Apply for certification through TEACH Online Services at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/> close to graduation date.

Completed Program Verification Letters

Letters of program verification can be requested only if you have completed all requirements. For more information, please contact the Certification Coordinator at 443-4759.

Additional Information

- **New York State Department of Education:** <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>
- **To check the status** of your online certification application: <http://ohe33.nysed.gov/tcert/teach/>
- **New York State Teacher Certification Examinations:** www.nystce.nesinc.com
- **School of Education:** <http://soeweb.syr.edu>

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



School of Education

New York State Certification

Requirements and Procedures

Office of Academic and Student Services
270 Huntington Hall
Syracuse, New York 13244

Certification Coordinator..... 443-4759

Initial and Professional Certification through SU recommendation

Initial Certification

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

Professional Certification

- Must be earned before initial certificate expires.
- No exams required (except Speech & Language Disabilities).
- Requires graduate study, teaching and professional development.
 1. For those with initial certification earned at the Bachelors level, options are:
 - Masters degree to lead to professional certification in area of initial certification.
 - Masters degree in a new certification area.
 - 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).
 2. Those completing initial certification through a Master's degree have met the academic requirements for professional certification.
 3. All are required to have 3 years of teaching.
 4. Continuing professional development every 5 years is required.

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 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 Art (All Grades)
 English Language Arts (7-12)
 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

 Educational Leadership (old program)

 Educational Leadership (new program)

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

 Inclusive Special Education Prep (7-12)

 *Library & Info Science: School Media Literacy Education (Birth-6)
 Literacy Education (5-12)
 Mathematics Education Prep (7-12)
 Music Education Prep
 Music Education
 Professional Certification - MS/MMUS
 Science/Biology Prep (7-12)
 Science/Chemistry Prep (7-12)
 Science/Earth Science Prep (7-12)
 Science/Physics Prep (7-12)
 Social Studies Prep (7-12)
 **Speech-Language Pathology (NYT)

Certification Title

Visual Arts (All Grades)
 Visual Arts (All Grades)
 Childhood Education (1-6)
 School Counselor (Provisional cert)
 Early Childhood Education (Birth-2) & Students with Disabilities (Birth-2)
 School Administrator/Supervisor (thru 9/1/07)
 School District Administrator (thru 9/1/07)
 School Building Leader (replaces SAS)
 School District Leader (replaces SDA)
 English Language Arts (7-12)
 Childhood Education (1-6) & Students with Disabilities (1-6)
 Students with Disabilities (7-12) (to match prior certification)
 Library Media Specialist (All Grades)
 Literacy (Birth-6)
 Literacy (5-12)
 Mathematics (7-12)
 Music (All Grades)
 Music (All Grades)
 Biology (7-12)
 Chemistry (7-12)
 Earth Science (7-12)
 Physics (7-12)
 Social Studies (7-12)
 Speech & Language Disabilities

*Program offered through School of Information Studies

**Program offered through College of Arts & Sciences