

Classroom Teacher Certification in Students with Disabilities (B-2, 1-6, or 7-12)

The New York State Education Department allows teachers holding valid certificates in B-2, 1-6 or 7-12 to add an additional certificate in classroom teaching in the area of Students With Disabilities (SWD) upon successful completion of 12 hours of additional coursework, and successful completion of the Content Specialty Test (CST) in Students With Disabilities.

Candidates applying for the additional SWD certification must hold a valid provisional or initial certificate in another title area in grades B-2, 1 -6, or 7-12. Teachers holding certificates in K-12 or PreK-12 areas are not eligible for the additional certificate.

The state has specific coursework requirements, and candidates must take the following coursework:

- A foundation (introduction) of special education course
- A special education methods course
- A special education assessment course
- ONE special education elective

The College at Brockport offers courses to meet the requirements in the following areas: EDI 413/513 Introduction to Special Education, EDI 414/514 Methods in Special Education, and EDI 419/519 Assessment in Special Education. Primary consideration is given to Brockport candidates enrolled in the Department of Education and Human Development Inclusive Education Programs who require the courses for their degree programs. All others (both matriculated and non-matriculated students) are offered class enrollment on a space-available basis. Those non-matriculated graduate students who are seeking the SWD certification extension are not required to complete a 50-hour field experience for EDI 514, Methods in Special Education.

Since the academic requirements for this extension certificate in Students with Disabilities are not approved by the New York State Education Department for The College at Brockport, the Certification Office cannot recommend you to NYSED for this particular certificate. (This does not apply to our initial inclusive certification programs.) Certification assistance can be obtained by contacting one of the BOCES regional service representatives who work specifically with teacher certification candidates applying through certification Pathways for Individual Evaluation. Please contact the particular certification office for the county in which you currently reside:

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/regionalcenters.html>.