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# Teacher Certification

## *Requirements for NYS Teacher Certification*

- ❑ Baccalaureate degree
- ❑ Certification program including:
  - ✓ 100 hours of field experience (150 hours for Inclusive Programs)
  - ✓ Student Teaching
  - ✓ Professional Education
  - ✓ Cognates (for Childhood Inclusive Program)
  - ✓ Foreign Language
- ❑ New York State Teacher Certification Exams →
- ❑ Identification of Child Abuse workshop (PRO 370 or HLS 301)
- ❑ School Violence Prevention Training or SAVE (PRO 370 or HLS 301)
- ❑ Autism Training (for Inclusive Programs) →
- ❑ Fingerprinting →
- ❑ Application for certification including:
  - ✓ \$50 credit card or money order for each certificate sought thru Approved Teacher Prep. Pathway

## *New York State Teacher Certification Exams*

- ❑ **Liberal Arts and Science Test (LAST)**
  - ✓ May be taken at any time after completion of general education requirements
- ❑ **Assessment of Teaching Skills Written (ATS-W)**
  - ✓ Should not be taken until student teaching semester
- ❑ **Content Specialty Test (CST)**
  - ✓ May be taken after completion of major requirements and/or cognates
  - ✓ Candidates in Inclusive Programs must take Students With Disabilities (SWD) CST as well as content area
- Each test is \$79 for Paper-based Testing and \$149 for Computer-based Testing if registered by the regular registration deadline.
- For more information or to register online, go to: [www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com)

## *Fingerprinting*

Fingerprinting can be done prior to or during student teaching.

The NYSED fee for fingerprinting is currently \$94.25. There may be an additional fee for having your fingerprints prepared. LiveScan, a new digital fingerprinting service is available through BOCES. Information is available at: <http://www.brockport.edu/certification>.

## *Application Process*

You will complete a Brockport application during student teaching. That application will open your Office of Certification file. Once you have completed the degree and/or certification requirements (graduate programs), you will be sent directions regarding how to apply online.

### *Cost of Certification*

NYSTCE	\$79-\$149 x # of exams (3-4)	\$237- \$596
Fingerprinting		\$94.25
College Endorsed Applications	\$50 x # of certificates	\$50-\$150
<b>Minimum Cost</b>		<b>\$381.25-\$840.25</b>
<b>(Additional certifications thru Individual Pathway \$100 each)</b>		

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## *Requirements for an Additional Certificate (in most title areas)*

Once you have an initial certificate, in order to qualify for an additional teaching certificate (in most title areas in grades 7-12 or PreK-12) you will need 30 credit hours in the content area of the additional certificate sought and a passing score on the Content Specialty Test for that certification.

Example: If you are in the Childhood Inclusive certification program and your major is Mathematics, then you may take the CST in Mathematics and apply for a teaching certificate in Mathematics grades 7-12.

The College at Brockport cannot give you the endorsement for the additional certificate. You will be applying for the certificate through direct application to the state using the "Pathway: Individual Evaluation for an Additional Certificate."

## *Requirements for the Middle Childhood 5-6 Extension (to a 7-12 certificate only)*

- EDI 4/545, 4/546, 4/547, 4/548 or 449, Inclusive Middle Level Teaching
- PSH 4/584  
Adolescence Psychology

## **UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES...**

**Graduate schools, in general, require an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher for admission to their programs.**

**Take your GPA seriously; it could affect your career!**

## *Professional Certification Requirements*

Your initial certificate will be valid for 5 years. In those 5 years, you must meet the requirements for professional certification, which include:

- **Master's Degree**
  - Any program registered in NYS leading to education certification
  - A program in the content or related area of your initial certificate
  - Any master's degree program (not in the categories above) and 12 credits in the content or related area of your initial certificate.
- **Three years of paid, professional teaching experience**
- **180 days of substitute teaching= one year of teaching experience**

*The College at Brockport Office  
of Certification website:*

*[www.brockport.edu/certification](http://www.brockport.edu/certification)*

*New York State Education  
Department Office of Teaching  
Initiatives website:*

*[www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert)*