

Teaching in New York

NY State Education Department's Office of Teaching Initiatives is in charge of certification.

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Background Information

- If you qualify for Connecticut certification, you may apply for New York Certification through two routes: **Conditional Initial Certification**, or **Initial Certification**.
- Receiving a Conditional Initial Certificate delays testing and allows two years to complete the examination requirement for a regular Initial Certificate.
- A regular Initial Certificate will be issued **after** the test requirements are met.
- Initial Certification is what you would earn through a teacher preparation program in NY State.
- Start by reading <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/teachrecother.html>

Conditional Initial Certificate (also known as Provisional Initial Certificate)

- First-level certificate for classroom teachers issued to individuals holding a teaching certificate in the same or equivalent title from a state party to the Interstate Reciprocity Agreement (including Connecticut), but who have not yet met the New York state testing requirement.
- The certificate holder has **one year** to meet the testing requirements to qualify for an Initial Certificate, at which point, the holder must pass specific tests for their area.
- Valid for one year; leads to Initial Certificate.

Initial Certificate

- Entry-level certificate issued in specific subject/grade for classroom teachers, who do not hold a certificate from another state, but completed an approved teacher education preparation program in another state.
- Valid for 5 years; leads to Professional Certificate.

For a conditional initial certificate, submit (everything together):

1. [Completed application](#)
2. Official college transcript
3. Copy of currently valid certification from the state you are certified in (Connecticut)
4. Verification of completion of three workshops. For information, visit:
 - a. [Child Abuse Identification Workshop](#);
 - b. [School Violence Intervention and Prevention Workshop](#)
 - c. [Dignity For All Students Act Workshop](#)
 - d. You can find a list of approved providers at <http://www.op.nysed.gov/training/caproviders.htm> (fees may vary)
5. Finger print clearance documentation. For more information, contact:
Office of Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRA)

Website: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tsei/ospra/>

Lists (with links) of Certification Steps from Start to Finish:

www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certprocess.html

FAQ's (for those not completing teacher preparation programs in New York):

1. Does the reciprocity agreement among states affect the testing requirements?

The reciprocity agreement (Interstate Certification Compact) stipulates that study and/or experience completed in another certifying jurisdiction satisfies New York's study and experience requirements only. Achievement of qualifying scores on the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE) tests is an additional requirement for certification in New York State. You may apply for a Conditional Initial Certificate, which is valid for two years, without having completed the New York State testing requirements. See <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/teachrecother.html>

2. How do these test requirements affect applicants from other states?

Candidates must generally come to New York State to complete the tests. However, some test administrations are offered in other states, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Go to www.nystce.nesinc.com for complete information about test offerings and administrations at these locations. Tests are also administered on U.S. Military bases worldwide. Call National Evaluation Systems at (413) 256.2882 for further information.

3. Which tests do I have to take and how much do they cost?

Usually, you must pass New York State's Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST), Educating All Students Test (EAS), the appropriate Content Specialty Test (CST), and edTPA. Use the website listed below, however, to VERIFY YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

View certification requirements online by Area of Interest, Subject Area, Grade Level, Title, and Certification Title: <http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do>

ALST	\$ 131	CQST	\$ 119	EAS	\$ 102
CST	\$ 149	edTPA	\$300		

See [edTPA website](#) for information on how to complete [this test](#) (students usually take it during the student teaching semester in NY).

Subject to change, so please verify requirements with the appropriate agency. February 11, 2016