

# Teaching in New York

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

Contact [Information website](#)

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/> (New York State)

<http://teachnyc.net/> (New York City)

## 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 the submission of edTPA for one year.
- 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 edTPA requirement.
- The certificate holder has **one year** to submit passing score for edTPA to qualify for an Initial Certificate.
- 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 and required NY tests.

## To apply, submit (everything together):

1. [Completed application](#)
2. Official college transcript(s)
3. Copy of currently valid certification from the state you are certified in (Connecticut)
4. Verification of completion of [required workshops](#): Child Abuse Identification, School Violence Identification, and Dignity for All Students Act.
5. Complete [Fingerprinting](#).

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

[www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certprocess.html](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certprocess.html)

## FAQs (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 [website](#).

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

Candidates must generally complete tests in New York State. However, some test administrations are offered in other states, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Go to [nystce.nesinc.com](http://nystce.nesinc.com) for complete information about test offerings and administrations at these locations.

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

Usually, you must pass Educating All Students Test (EAS), the appropriate Content Specialty Test (CST), and edTPA. Use the website listed below to verify requirements.

- View [certification requirements online](#) by subject area and pathway.
- Updated test fee information is [online](#).

4. **edTPA**

- [NY edTPA website](#) shows required tests.
- National [edTPA website](#) has information on how to complete [the test](#).
- Out-of-state applicants must pass edTPA by NY passing score standards. However, if student scores within two points of passing score they can apply for waiver through the [edTPA Multiple Measures Review Process](#).
- Out-of state applicants with three years of public school teaching experience may be eligible for [Endorsement of Certificate Option](#).

*Subject to change, so please verify requirements with the appropriate agency. February 21, 2020*