Teaching in New York
NY State Office of Teaching Initiatives
New York State or 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.
  - Out-of-state candidates who complete student teaching in 2020-21 or 2021-22 are eligible for **edTPA Safety Net**.
- Initial Certification is what you would earn through a teacher preparation program in NY State.
- Start by reading **Applicants from Other States**

**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):
- Completed **application**
- Official college transcript(s)
- Copy of currently valid certification from the state you are certified in (Connecticut)
- Verification of completion of **required workshops**: Child Abuse Identification, School Violence Identification, and Dignity for All Students Act.
- Complete **Fingerprinting**.
- **Certification Steps from Start to Finish**

**FAQs (for those not completing teacher preparation programs in New York)**

**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.

**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.
• edTPA
  o NY edTPA website shows passing scores.
  o National edTPA website has information on how to complete the test.
  o 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.
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Subject to change, so please verify requirements with the appropriate agency.
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