

Certification Updates

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What happened to the edTPA?

On April 27, 2022, the Regents determined that the edTPA was eliminated which is part of their plans to alleviate the current state-wide teacher shortage. This includes, but is not limited to those applicants who:

- Are from other states
- Completed a teacher prep program in the past
- Are in-state and applying via the individual evaluation pathway
- Did not pass the edTPA in the past
- Did not pass the edTPA and registered for the ATS-W
- Did not pass the edTPA and applied via the MMRP (Multiple Measures Review Process)
- Have an application in TEACH or applied for certification before April 27, 2022
- Currently enrolled in a NYS teacher prep program
- Currently hold an Emergency COVID 19 certificate
- Currently hold a NYS Conditional certificate

Inasmuch as the edTPA is no longer required, teachers who currently hold a Conditional Initial certificate, are eligible to immediately apply for the Initial certificate via the “completion of a teacher ed program in another state” pathway and pay the \$100 fee.

What replaced the edTPA?

The SED developed an [FAQ](#) about the elimination of the edTPA, which includes information about edTPA refunds/partial refunds. NYS teacher prep programs are now required to develop their own teacher performance assessment.

- They can integrate this assessment into each candidate’s student-teaching experience, practicum or other types of similar clinical experience.
- The NYS teacher prep programs must develop or choose their teacher performance assessment by September 1, 2023.

Please note that if the edTPA showed as UNMET in the past, it will now show as “EXEMPT” if there are still other deficiencies to satisfy. However, if this was the only deficiency, the certificate will be issued.

If the charter school administrator or the applicant sees a message “evaluation complete-pending final review,” the certificate will be issued and shown on TEACH within 24 hours.

What happened to the General Core in Liberal Arts and Sciences?

- On April 27, 2022, the Regents eliminated the general core in liberal arts and sciences (LAS) requirement for certification.
- This includes college coursework in a language other than English, history, humanities, science, math, art expression, communication, information retrieval, and written analysis and expression.
- This has no bearing on the content core requirement for certification which still exists and has not changed. Click [here](#) for more detailed information.
- If one or more of the general core criteria was previously listed as UNMET on TEACH, it will automatically be marked as “EXEMPT” as of April 27, 2022. On that same date, the general core won’t even be displayed as a certification requirement for those who applied on or after April 27, 2022.
- If one or more of the general core criteria was the only certification deficiency on applications prior to April 27, 2022, the requirement(s) will automatically be marked as “EXEMPTED” and the certificate will be issued.

How does the NYS Education Department (SED) define a year of teaching experience?

- There is more flexibility in defining a year of experience. Three years of paid, acceptable teaching is still required for the Professional certificate, but the experience can be full-time or part-time experiences that are the equivalent of a minimum of 180 days in a 12- month period.

The teaching experience no longer has to be in the subject area of the certificate sought!

- The new [Verification of Paid Experience Form for Teachers](#) for the Professional certificate reflects these changes.
- There is a new [Verification of Paid Experience Form for Pupil Personnel Service \(PPS\) Titles](#) (e.g., school counselor, school social worker, and school psychologist). Staff must document two years of acceptable PPS experience.

What do I need to get an “additional” science certificate?

As of June 29, 2022, the Regents voted to permit those who hold a science certificate in biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics to seek an “additional” certificate in another science with the completion of 18 college credits in the second science instead of the formerly required 30 college credits.

- The pathway for an “Additional Science Discipline Certificate” appears in TEACH for science certificates. Eligible candidates for an “additional” science certificate are those who already have an Initial, Professional, or Permanent Science certificate.