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- Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST), Educating All Students test (EAS), and certain redeveloped Content Specialty Tests (CSTs) safety nets | Updated 07/21/2015
- The exam requirement(s) will not show as met until the safety net(s) are the last requirement for certification. If a candidate has met all requirements for certification by June 30, 2017 except the use of one or more of the safety nets and the certificate has not issued, email examsafetynet@nysed.gov to request the safety net(s) be applied.
- edTPA Safety Net | Updated 07/14/2015
- New registration requirements for classroom teachers and school leaders holding a Permanent or Professional certificate, and Teaching Assistant Level III certificate holders effective July 1, 2016
- Now Accepting 2015-2016 Applications for NYS Albert Shanker Grant | Posted 08/08/2015
- New Fingerprint Process effective August 3, 2015 | Posted 08/08/2015

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Office of Teaching Initiatives
NYS Education Department
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Albany, New York 12234

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Office of School Personnel
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NYS Education Department
89A Education Building Albany

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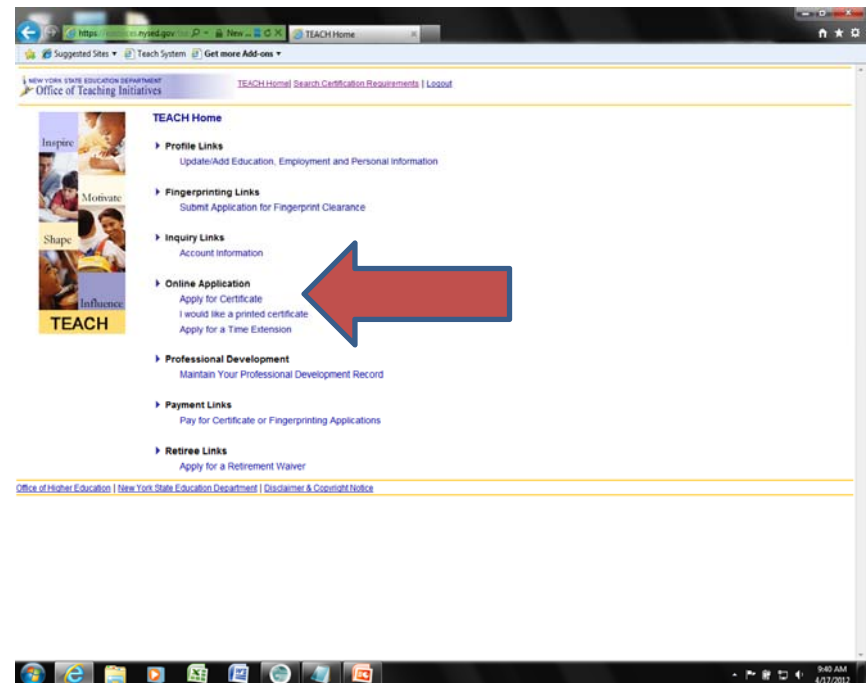
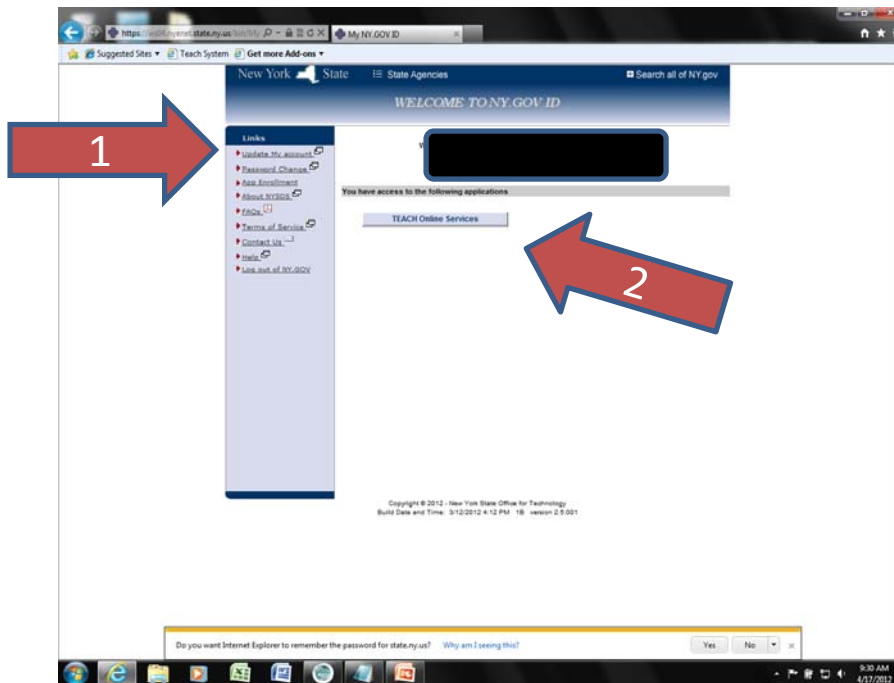
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You are able to navigate your account from here.

- 1 - Update personal information (if necessary).
- 2 - Enter your TEACH account.

Click on “Apply for Certificate”



1 - Enter the options of the certification sought
2 – Click “Add”

Step 2 - Select Certificate(s)

Personal Information

Name : SSN :

Date of Birth : Teacher Id:

Gender :

Each certificate is treated as a separate application, with specific requirements associated with each certificate based on the type of certificate (Initial, Professional, etc) and the evaluation pathway (Approved Program, Individual Evaluation, Reciprocity, etc) through which you apply. Fees are assessed for each certificate requested and may differ depending on the type and pathway chosen.

Once you click the Add button, you will be asked a series of questions to help determine the appropriate evaluation pathway through which you should apply. After you have responded, TEACH may be able to determine the best pathway for your application. If a pathway cannot be determined, you will be taken to a page to choose from the remaining available pathways under which you may be evaluated. If you do not answer the questions correctly to determine your pathway, the processing of your application may be delayed.

After you are directed back to this page you may repeat the process to select and apply for additional certificates.

New Certificates and Applications

Select your Certificate Title

Select your Area of Interest :

Select your Subject Area :

Select the Grade Level :

Select the Title :

Select your Certificate Type

Select the Type of Certificate :

Please make your selections and then click the "Add" button

1 **2** **Add**

1 - If you are being college recommended, you will enter the program code. This will not allow you to choose a BOCES office to evaluate your application.

2- If not, click “No” 3 – Click “Next”

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Office of Teaching Initiatives

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1. Educational Preparation for this application only

A. Have you completed, or are you enrolled in, a [New York State Approved Teacher Preparation Program](#) at a New York State College or University, which leads to the issuance of the New York State certificate for which you are applying based upon the [recommendation](#) of the college/university?

Please enter the program code found on the Student Application Information Sheet provided to you by your college/university.

Enter Program Code: **Submit** **1**

If you believe you completed an Approved Teacher Preparation Program at a New York State College or University and do not have a Student Information Sheet, do not continue with this application. Contact your New York State College or University. Applying under another pathway will delay the processing of your application as you do not have the ability to change the pathway after the application is submitted. You must write to the Office of Teaching Initiatives to have the pathway changed.

B. ☐ No, I have not completed, nor am I enrolled in, an Approved Teacher Preparation Program at a New York State College or University for this certificate and this type.

2 **3** **Previous** **Cancel** **Next**

Interstate Reciprocity

1- Click on “A”, “B”, or “C”.

2 -Click “Next”

1 - You can add additional certification applications, or

2 - remove any here

2. Interstate Reciprocity

Do you currently hold a certificate from another state, or have you completed an approved Teacher Education preparation program that would lead to certification in the state you completed the program?

This includes:

- o Classroom Teachers
- o Administrators: Principals, Assistant Principals, School Superintendent, etc.
- o Pupil Personnel: School Psychologist, Guidance Counselor, etc.

If so, you may apply through the Interstate Reciprocity pathway.

a. ☐ Yes, I currently hold a valid teaching certificate from another state in the subject I am applying and have 3 years of Teaching Experience under this certificate.

b. ☐ Yes, I completed an Approved Teacher Education program that would lead to certification in the state that I completed the program.

c. ☐ No, I am not eligible to apply through the Interstate Reciprocity Pathway.

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Certificates in this Application

	Area of Interest	Title	Certificate Type	Pathway
☐	Classroom Teacher	Mathematics 7-12	Initial Certificate	Pathway: Individual Evaluation for Additional Classroom Teaching Certificate

[Remove](#)

Click "Next"

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Remove

Certificates and Applications on File

Certificate	Date Applied	Date Issued	Effective Date	Date Expires	Status
Classroom Teacher , Initial Certificate , Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	03/16/2007	06/05/2007	09/01/2007	08/31/2012	Expired
Classroom Teacher , Initial Certificate , Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)	03/16/2007	06/05/2007	09/01/2007	08/31/2012	Expired
Classroom Teacher , Professional Certificate , Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)	04/07/2011	05/24/2011	09/01/2011		Issued
Classroom Teacher , Professional Certificate , Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)	04/07/2011	06/21/2011	09/01/2011		Issued
Classroom Teacher , Professional Certificate , Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	04/07/2011	06/21/2011	09/01/2011		Issued
Classroom Teacher , Initial Certificate , Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)	05/22/2008	08/20/2008	09/01/2008	08/31/2013	Issued

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- If you want my office to evaluate the application:
- 1 – Click on “I want my application to be reviewed by the BOCES Regional Certification Office”
 - 2 – Choose “COUNTY OF ALBANY” from the drop down menu
 - 3 – Click on “CAPITAL REGION BOCES”
 - 4 – Click “Next”

Step 2 - Select Certificate(s)

Personal Information

Name: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted] Teacher ID: [Redacted]

Gender: [Redacted]

If you live in or are seeking employment in a school district served by a local Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), your application may be evaluated either by the New York State Education Department or by your local BOCES Regional Certification Offices.

Please select an option

☐ I want my application to be reviewed by the State Education Department

☒ I want my application to be reviewed by the BOCES Regional Certification Office

Please note:

- Some school districts are not affiliated with BOCES Regional Certification Offices. In this case, your application must be evaluated by the State Education Department.
- Some counties are served by more than one BOCES. Your home address determines which BOCES will evaluate your application. If more than one BOCES is listed for the county you selected, contact the BOCES to find the appropriate office for your application.
- OR
- If you are seeking employment with a school district that is affiliated with a BOCES, you may choose to have that BOCES evaluate your application. In this case, choose the school district for which you are seeking employment.
- BOCES Regional Certification Offices reserve the right to forward any application to the New York State Education Department for evaluation.

Select a school district or county from the drop down lists, then select from the available BOCES Certification Offices.

School District: [Select] or -

County: COUNTY OF ALBANY

Select an institution from the list.

Name of BOCES Institution	Address	Phone
☐ QUESTAR II BOCES (R-C-G)	10 EMPIRE STATE BLVD-2ND FL, CASTLETON, NY 12033	518-479-6882
☒ CAPITAL REGION BOCES	900 WATERLIET-SHAKER RD-STE 102, ALBANY, NY 12205	518-862-4901

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1- Answer the Personal Information

2 - Click “Sign Affidavit”



I submit the following sworn statement in support of this application.

* Select only A or B. If you select B, you must check one of the following statements below.

- ☒ A. I Am Not Obligated To Pay Child Support.
- ☐ B. I Am Obligated To Pay Child Support.
 - ☐ I Am Up To Date In The Payment Of Child Support.
 - ☐ I Am Making Payments By Income Execution.
 - ☐ Child Support Is The Subject Of Pending Court Proceeding.
 - ☐ I Am Receiving Public Assistance.
 - ☐ None of the above apply

I understand that the intentional submission of false written statements for the purpose of frustrating or defeating the lawful enforcement of support obligations is punishable pursuant to Section 175.35 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

Moral Character Determination

Answer each question by indicating "YES" or "NO".

* You must respond to all questions.

- A Have you ever been dismissed from, resigned from, entered into a settlement agreement, or otherwise left employment to avoid investigation and/or dismissal for alleged misconduct? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- B Are you the subject of any pending investigation and/or disciplinary charge(s) pertaining to employment? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- C Have you ever been found guilty after trial, or pleaded guilty, no contest, nolo contendere, or had adjudication withheld to a crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any court? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- D Do you currently have any criminal charge(s) pending against you? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- E Have you ever had an application for a teaching, professional or vocational credential (i.e., license, certificate or registration) in New York or any other jurisdiction denied? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- F Have you ever surrendered a teaching, professional or vocational credential (i.e., license, certificate or registration) or had such credential revoked, suspended, invalidated or otherwise subjected to a disciplinary penalty in any jurisdiction? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- G Are you the subject of any pending investigation and/or disciplinary charge(s) for professional misconduct in any jurisdiction? ☐ YES ☒ NO
- H If you answered "YES" to any of the moral character questions, please provide an explanation :

By SIGNING this affidavit, I confirm that all the information I provided is true and contains no misrepresentation or falsehoods.
Signed under penalty of perjury.

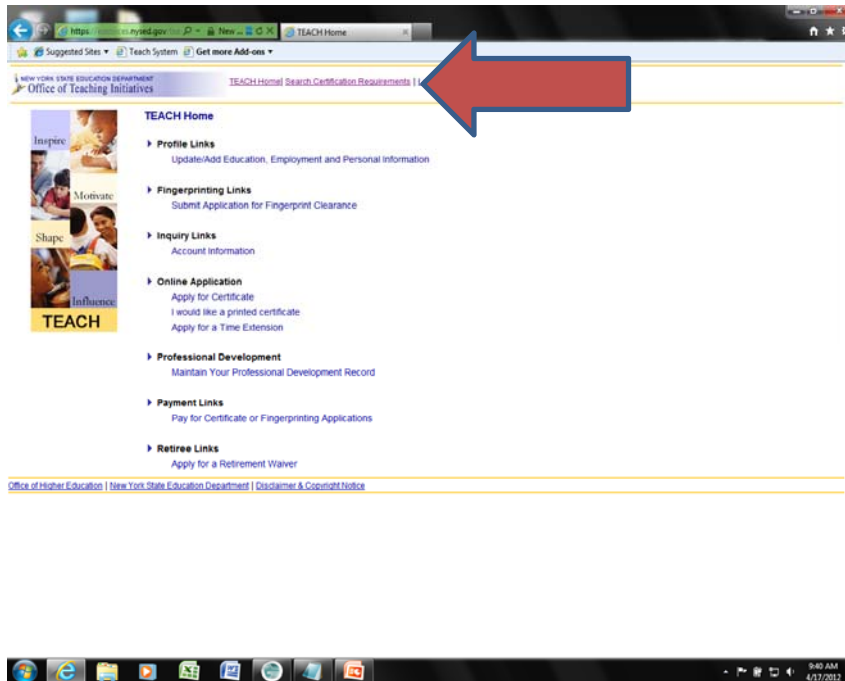
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Search Certification Requirements

Click on “Search Certification Requirements”

- 1 - Enter the options of the certification sought
- 2 – Click “Search”



A screenshot of the 'Search Certification Requirements' form. A red arrow labeled '1' points to the dropdown menus for 'Classroom Teacher', 'Mathematics', 'Adolescent - Grades 7-12', and 'Mathematics 7-12'. Another red arrow labeled '2' points to the 'Search' button. The form includes sections for 'Select Your Certificate Title' and 'Select Your Certificate Type'.

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Search Certification Requirements

"Search Certification Requirements" is an online search feature that allows you to identify the specific requirements you must meet for any given certificate. Please make your selections and click search.

Select Your Certificate Title

Select an [Area of Interest](#): Classroom Teacher

Select a Subject Area: Mathematics

Select a Grade Level: Adolescent - Grades 7-12

Select a Title: Mathematics 7-12

Select Your Certificate Type

Select a [Type of Certificate](#): Initial Certificate

Search

**You can scroll down until you find the pathway that suits your situation:
Approved Teacher Preparation Program, Individual Evaluation,
Evaluation for Additional Classroom Teaching Certificate, Interstate
Reciprocity, National Board Certification**

**If you don't understand the requirement,
click on a it.**

Following are all possible pathways available to receive the certificate specified above. The specific requirements to satisfy each pathway are also listed.

Pathway: Approved Teacher Preparation Program

Requirements:

- [Completion of a NYS Registered Program - Mathematics 7-12](#)
- [Institutional Recommendation - Mathematics 7-12](#)
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- [New York State Teacher Certification Exam - Secondary Assessment of Teaching Skills \(ATS-W\)](#)
- [Content Specialty Test \(CST\) - Mathematics](#)
- [Fingerprint Clearance](#)

Pathway: Individual Evaluation

Requirements:

- [Education - Bachelors Degree](#)
- [Minimum 2.50 Undergraduate GPA](#)
- [General Core in Liberal Arts and Sciences - 30 S.H.](#)
 - [College Coursework - Artistic Expression](#)
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- If you click on a requirement, an additional description will come up

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Requirement Description

COLLEGE COURSEWORK

College coursework is study taken for college credit, completed at or transferred to a degree-granting institution of higher education approved by the New York State Commissioner of Education or a regional accrediting agency. Coursework must be offered for degree credit by the college, whether or not you obtain the degree.

Pedagogical coursework must be earned at an institution of higher education with an approved teacher education program that leads to teacher certification in the state in which the college is located, or a community college with an articulation agreement with such an institution (contact your college).

Unacceptable coursework is that which is not credit-bearing or not applicable toward a degree. Examples of unacceptable coursework: professional development courses, continuing education courses, often measured in Continuing Education Units (CEUs), audited courses, and courses that have been waived or for advanced placement (such as high school courses) without credit toward a degree.

See [Acceptable Colleges](#)

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This area refers to studies that are concerned with human thought and culture, such as literature, religion, philosophy, and cultural anthropology.