



NYSATE/NYACTE OTI Certification Updates

November 7, 2024

Updates

► Mandated Reporter Training

- All educators must take the updated training by April 1, 2025.
- All certificates of completion must be submitted electronically.
- We ask that EPPs also enter the workshop completion directly into the candidate accounts to prevent any questions regarding new vs. old.
- If you are using OCFS, please distribute the following instructions in this QR Code:



NYSTCE Right Start from Pearson

- Pearson developed modules to assist with certification test prep.
- Intended to be used alongside of instruction, not as a substitution.
- Currently only available for some exams.

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Prepare

Preparation materials are available for every test. Select a test from the dropdown list to access preparation materials by test, or choose a product from the categories below.

Select a test...

Preparation Materials for NYSTCE Tests

Test Content and Sample Questions

 <p>Study Guides Prepare for the tests with these study guides.</p>	 <p>Test Frameworks What content is on a test?</p>
 <p>NYSTCE Right Start Learn more about Right Start interactive learning courses.</p> <input type="button" value="Purchase"/>	 <p>Practice Test Learn more about NYSTCE full-length practice tests.</p> <input type="button" value="Purchase Now"/>



Other updates and reminders:

- This is your yearly reminder to make sure you are entering the recommendations in a timely manner and that all recommendations go in.
- Otiadmin@nysed.gov is only for college administration and should never be shared with students nor should you copy a student on an email to us.
- We offer monthly CTLE webinars for anyone who would like to attend.

****The Office of Teaching Initiatives is offering monthly trainings on the Registration, Re-registration, and CTLE requirements. This is available to district administrators and educators.****

Webinars are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 3:00pm

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 3:00pm

Click [here](#) to register.





Proposed Certification Changes



Certification Exams: Flexibility

At the October 2024 Board of Regents meeting, the Department proposed allowing certification applicants to take and pass either:

The NYSTCE exam
required for the
certificate
(e.g., Music Content
Specialty Test)

OR

Another certification
exam that is developed
for the purpose of
educator certification,
as determined by the
Department

Certification Exams: Waiver Options

The proposal also included that:

- Candidates may apply for a **waiver of the content knowledge certification examination requirement** if they receive a score within a 0.5 standard error of measurement of the passing score on the exam and complete one of the following waiver options:
 - ✓ Pass a NYSTCE portfolio assessment, **OR**
 - ✎ Achieve a 3.5 cumulative GPA in a bachelor's degree or graduate degree (30 SH)
- The waiver options would be available for teaching, educational leadership, and school counselor certificates and applicable extensions.
- Note: this is currently out for public comment until December 2024



Additional Teacher Certificates

- **Reduce the number of semester hours (SHs) for the content core requirement for an additional subject area teacher certificate from 30 SH to 18 SH (a minor).**
- **This would only apply to the content area certificates, special class certificates, Business and Agriculture.**
- **This proposal is tentatively scheduled to be presented at the December BOR meeting.**



Internship Certificates

- **Reminder: Internship certificates are built to be used in place of the student teaching experience.**
- **Only available through Masters programs.**
- **Applicant and EPP must communicate with the district to make sure supports are there and to ensure everyone know the parameters around the internship certificate.**
- **OTI will be implementing a Superintendent Statement for all Internship certificates to be filled out by the placement district. Launch date: December 1, 2024.**