

CERTIFICATION UPDATE

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- Application deadline – September 1, 2024
- Must hold valid Permanent or Professional teaching certificate
- Must have taught at least one acceptable computer science course between 9/1/17 and 9/1/24 while holding a valid NYS teaching certificate
 - List of acceptable courses available on TEACH
 - One period for one semester or for an entire school year
 - Verified by current employer submitting a Superintendent Statement on TEACH

Computer Science SOCE

- Valid for 10 years from date of issuance
- Not transferrable; only valid for service with current employer
- Must obtain Computer Science certificate after SOCE expires
- Computer Science SOCE or Computer Science certificate will be required to teach computer science courses as of September 1, 2024

Computer Science SOCE

- Students With Disabilities (All Grades) certificate created by the NYS Board of Regents at its September 2022 meeting, effective September 28, 2022
- Permits individuals to teach students with disabilities in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12
 - Cannot teach students with disabilities from age 0 to 2 years

Students With Disabilities All Grades

- Individuals who hold a valid Special Education or SWD (B-2, 1-6, 5-9, and/or 7-12) certificate are **not required** to obtain the SWD All Grades certificate
- SWD 1-6 and SWD 7-12 Generalist certificates will be phased out **for new applicants only** as of September 1, 2023
- SWD B-2 will continue to be available

Students With Disabilities All Grades

- Content area certification/extension is required to teach a self-contained special class in grades 7-12
 - Requirements for SWD Subject Area Extension in grades 5-9 and 7-12 amended, effective September 28, 2022
 - 12 credits in the subject area
- OR**
- Pass the content specialty test

SWD Subject Area Extension

- For individuals who do not qualify for the SWD Subject Area Extension
- Valid for 5 years; may be renewed for an additional 5 years
 - Renewal requires 3 credits of coursework in the subject area
- Must satisfy ONE of the following requirements:
 - 2 years of satisfactory full-time teaching experience in a special class in grades 7-12 prior to June 30, 2021, while considered Highly Qualified in the subject area through the HOUSSE rubric
 - Pass an industry accepted exam in the subject area
 - 9 credits of college coursework in the subject area
 - 45 hours of acceptable CTLE in the subject area and either
 - 2 years of satisfactory teaching experience in grades 7-12 in the subject area
 - Employment commitment from a school district and mentoring by a teacher who holds a Professional or Permanent certificate in the subject area

SWD Limited Extension

- Literacy (All Grades) certificate created by the NYS Board of Regents at its September 2022 meeting, effective September 28, 2022
- Individuals who hold a valid Literacy B-6 and/or 5-12 certificate are **not required** to obtain the Literacy All Grades certificate
- Literacy B-6 and 5-12 certificates will be phased out **for new applicants only** as of September 1, 2023

Literacy All Grades

- Content core requirements for individuals who hold a science certificate and seek an additional certificate in another science amended by the NYS Board of Regents at its June 2022 meeting, effective June 29, 2022
- 18 credits of coursework in the additional science content area required

Additional Science Teaching Certificate

- Initial and Professional School Counselor certificates available as of February 2, 2023
- Provisional School Counselor certificate discontinued for **new applicants only**
 - Candidates in registered NYS school counselor programs may qualify for the Provisional certificate prior to February 2, 2024
- Provisional Renewal and Permanent School Counselor certificates still available to Provisional certificate holders

School Counselor

- Experience requirements for Professional School Building Leader certificate amended by the NYS Board of Regents at its March 2023 meeting, effective March 29, 2023
- One year of school building leader experience eliminated
- Three years of experience in an educational leadership position required
- Mentoring in first year of employment in educational leadership position required

Professional School Building Leader

- Certified teachers may be assigned to teach a subject not covered by their certification for up to **five classroom hours per week** when no qualified teacher is available
- Teachers who do not hold special education certification cannot have an assignment where special education certification is required
- Incidental teaching assignment application must be submitted to the BOCES District Superintendent for approval

Incidental Teaching

- Substitute teachers **with a valid teaching certificate**
 - Can work in any capacity for any number of days. If employed more than 40 days in a school year, must be employed in their certification area.
- Substitute teachers **without a valid teaching certificate but working towards certification**
 - Completing 6 college credits per school year
 - Can work in any capacity for any number of days. If employed more than 40 days in a school year, must be employed in the certification area they are seeking.
- Substitute teachers **without a valid teaching certificate and not working towards certification**
 - Limited to 40 days per school year per school district

Substitute Teaching

- Permanent and Professional teaching and administrative certificate holders and Level III teaching assistant certificate holders are required to register on TEACH every five years
- Active registration required for employment in NYS public or nonpublic schools or BOCES
- Professional teaching and administrative certificate holders and Level III teaching assistant certificate holders with active registration are required to complete 100 CTLE hours during each registration period
- OTI offers monthly training on registration, re-registration, and CTLE to district administrators and educators via Zoom

Registration & CTLE