






Certification Reform Initiative

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Continuing Changes to Certification

- The Department has made many changes to certification requirements over the past two years to address the educator shortage.
- We are now considering more significant changes to the certification system that would strengthen and maintain high standards for educators and:
 -  Provide access and equity to enter and remain in the profession
 -  Build sustainable local teacher pipelines
 -  Further simplify and modernize the certification process

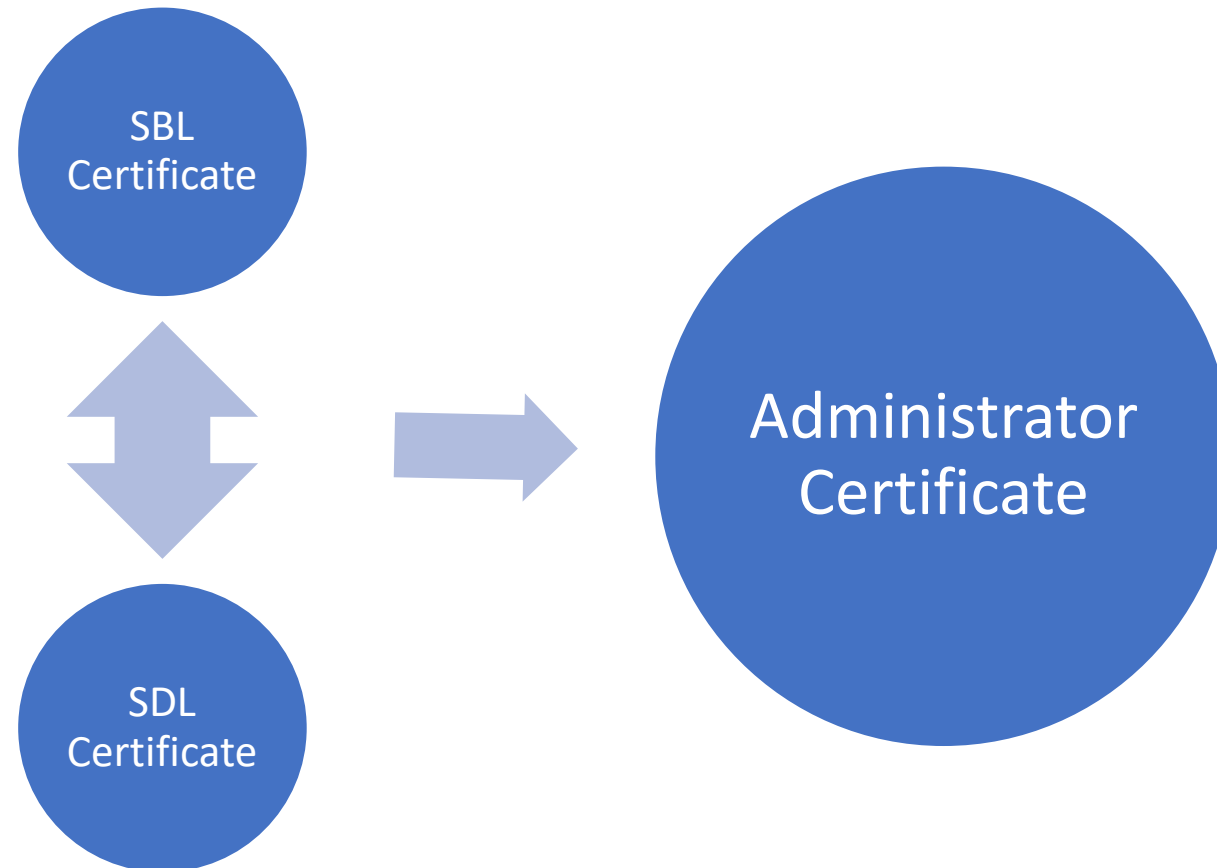
Feedback from Stakeholders

- The Department sent a memo to key stakeholders in November 2023 to seek feedback on several potential proposals for changing certification.
- Based on the feedback, the Department has proposed changes, or is considering potential proposals, in the following areas this school year:



Administrator Certificate

At the September 2024 Board of Regents meeting, the Department proposed replacing the current School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) certificates with a new Administrator certificate.



Pathways to Obtain the Administrator Certificate



Approved New York State Program



Comparable Program in Another State



Endorsement of an Out-of-State Certificate



Individual Evaluation

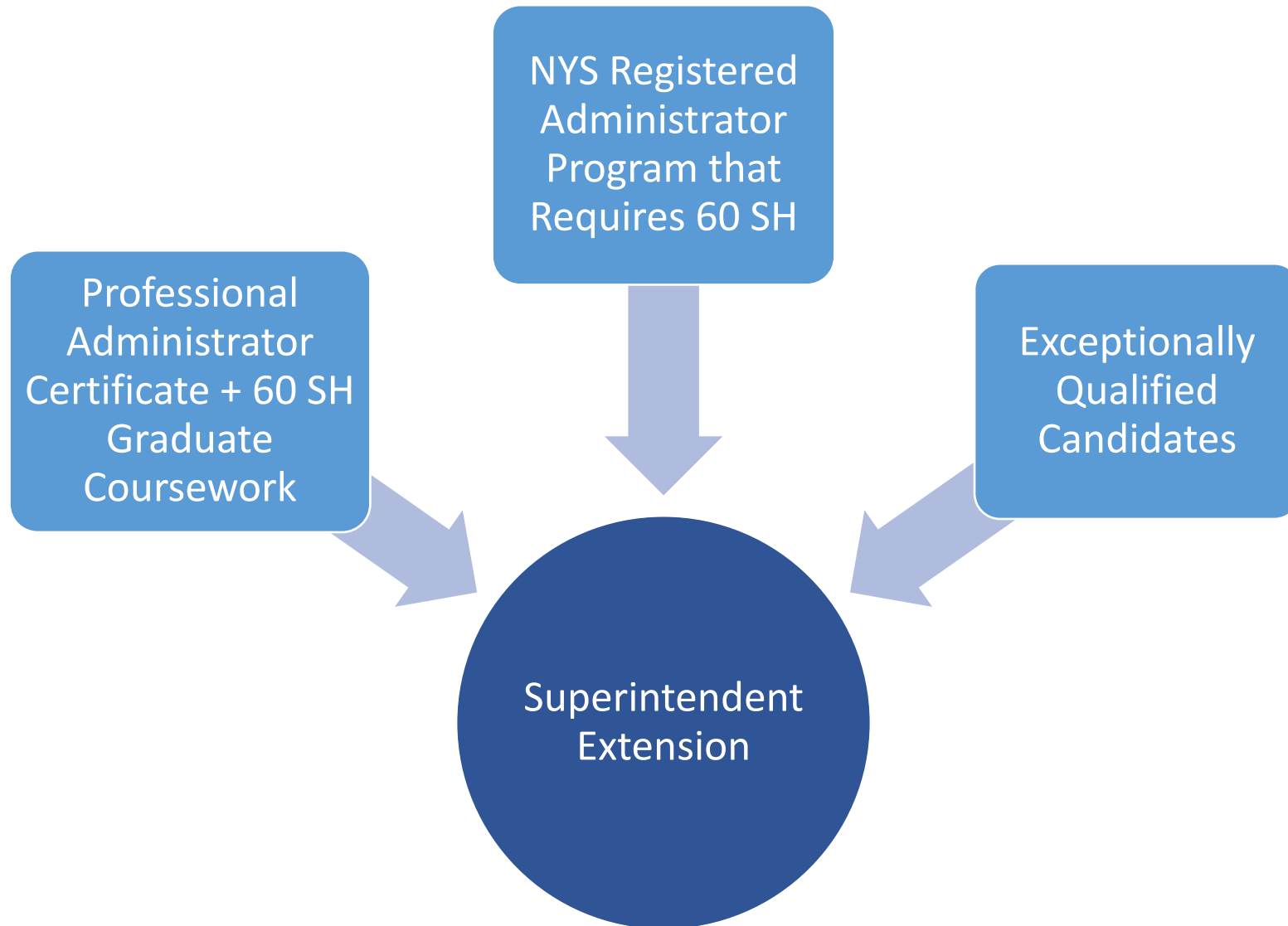


SBL Certificate



SDL Certificate

Pathways to Obtain the Extension to Work as a Superintendent



Certification Exams: Flexibility

Potential proposal: Certification applicants could 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

Potential proposal:

- 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.

Additional Teacher Certificates

Potential proposal:



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).

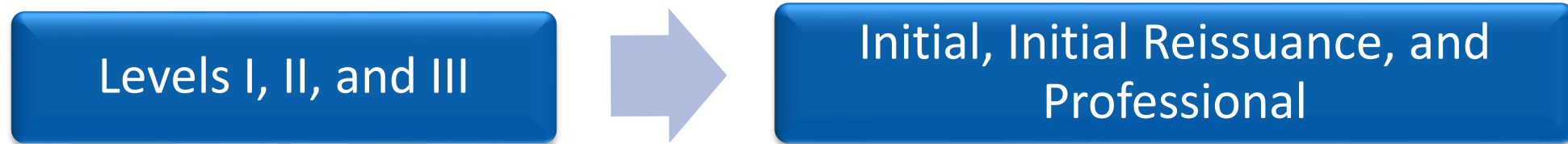


No longer require candidates in teacher preparation programs to complete a student teaching experience in the additional certificate area (for most certificates), consistent with the individual evaluation pathway.

Teaching Assistant (TA) Certificates

Potential proposal:

- Streamline TA certificates to reflect the current Initial and Professional teacher certificate progression.



- Create a Professional TA certificate that:
 - Includes a specified education requirement
 - Has an enhanced scope of practice
 - Allows one year of experience under the Professional TA certificate to meet the student teaching requirement for certification through the individual evaluation pathway

Transitional Certificates

Potential proposal:

- Create a new “Transitional Teacher” certificate to streamline certification.

Through a new pathway, individuals who hold this certificate could complete a practice-based education program, designed around teacher competencies, that is implemented jointly by an institution of higher education and a district, BOCES, or other non-profit professional education organization.

- Rename the other Transitional certificates to eliminate the confusing letters (e.g., the “Transitional A” certificate would become the “Transitional CTE” certificate).