

# NYS Teacher Certification Examinations

## 2017 Registration Information

<http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>

- ~~Academic Literacy Skills (ALST):~~  
No longer required as of March 13, 2017
- **Educating All Students (EAS):**  
The Educating All Students test consists of selected-response items and focused constructed-response assignments. The EAS test measures the knowledge of learners necessary to teach effectively in New York State public schools.
- **The Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA):**  
Performance assessment completed during *student teaching*
- **Content Specialty Test (CST):**
  - **Multi-subject – For Early Childhood, Childhood, Childhood/Special Education and Adolescence Special Education Generalist:** This test includes three parts- Part One: Literacy and ELA; Part Two: Mathematics and Part Three: Arts and Sciences (Transitional). You must take and pass all three parts to qualify for certification in this field. You may take one, two, or all three parts at one test appointment. Note that there are four Multi-Subject tests available for four different grade levels (Early Childhood, Childhood, Middle Childhood, and Adolescence). Each Multi-Subject test has three parts. Part Three is shared by all four Multi-Subject tests; therefore, if you are seeking more than one Multi-Subject certificate, you need to pass Part Three only once.
  - **Students with Disabilities-** required for all Special Education certifications
  - **Content Specialty Tests for Adolescence Subject Areas:** Content Specific CST (English, math, biology, Spanish...etc) These are also required for childhood students seeking a middle school extension in a content area.



## Computer-Based Testing

Computer-based testing (CBT) is available at Pearson authorized test centers (225 in the US and 30 international, including Canada). Registration for computer-based testing is available only on the Internet by selecting "Register Now" on the YSTCE website. The following guidelines apply to computer-based testing registration:

- Register in advance; appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. You may not take the same computer-based test more than once in any 30-day period.
- Learn about the Pearson testing experience here: <http://www.pearsonvue.com/ppc/>

Registration and Preparation Materials are available here:

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## **Suggested Undergraduate Timeline for Taking the Certification Exams:**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Suggested Semester</b>
EAS	Semester after EDU 310 (for ELL info) and EXE 362 and 371 (for special education info)
CST	Senior Year (after EDU 316 and/or EDU 329)
edTPA	During Student Teaching

## **TEACH Accounts and Fingerprinting**

### **What is TEACH and why do I need to register?**

The TEACH system is designed for various users to perform various functions regarding teacher certification and fingerprinting. For students working toward a career in education, the TEACH system is an online profile where you store all of the information NYS will need to grant your certification (i.e. certification test scores, fingerprint processing, etc.). It is also where you will go to apply for your certification. Once your account is set up, you can use TEACH to complete the application for your fingerprinting, complete your certification application, check your test scores, obtain your control number after your certification has been issued, and view/update your professional development record

### **When should I set up my TEACH account?**

You can set up your TEACH account at any time during your program, however, you will need an account to start the process of fingerprint clearance. This process can take time, so the earlier you set up your TEACH account, the better off you are. Waiting may cause delays in obtaining your certification. You also need to set up your TEACH account prior to graduation so that the college can submit its "college recommendation" to your account verifying that you completed the program AND so that your certification scores have an account to be housed in. It is sometimes very difficult to have TEACH go back and look for past scores.

### **TEACH Resources:**

<http://teachercertification.buffalostate.edu/>

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