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## Tests Required for New York State Teaching Certification

### Candidates Seeking Initial Certification:

The New York State Teacher Certification Examination Series (NYSTCE) must be completed and includes the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST), the Assessment of Teaching Skills-Written (ATS-W) and the Content Specialty Test (CST).

- If you are seeking **Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)** and/or **Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 2)**, you must take the LAST, ATS-W (*elementary* version) and Multi-Subject CST (Early Childhood, Childhood & Middle Childhood).
- If you are seeking **Students with Disabilities Birth-Grade 2** or **Students with Disabilities 1-6** you must take the LAST, ATS-W (*elementary* version), and two Content Specialty Tests -- Students with Disabilities CST as well as the Multi-Subject CST.
- **If you are seeking Students with Disabilities Generalist Grades 5-9** you must take the LAST, ATS-W (*secondary* version) and two Content Specialty Tests -- Students with Disabilities CST as well as the Multi-Subject CST.
- If you are seeking **Adolescent Education (Grades 7-12)**, you must take the LAST, ATS-W (*secondary* version) and a CST in your subject area:

English Language Arts  
Biology  
Physics

Mathematics  
Chemistry  
French

Social Studies  
Earth Science  
Spanish

- If you are seeking **Speech and Language Disabilities (Grades N-12)**, you must take the LAST and ATS-W (*elementary* version, recommended by the Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences).

### Candidates Seeking Professional Certification:

Additional exams will be required if you are pursuing a different certification area than you pursued as an undergraduate. Go to <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certprocess.html> to determine any additional testing requirements.

Candidates for professional certification in Speech and Language Disabilities will need to successfully pass the PRAXIS Speech/Language Pathology exam. Registration information is available online at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ny/requirements>.

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## Registration Schedule for 2013-2014

The New York State Teacher Certification Examination Bulletins with registration information, additional deadlines and a list of test sites can be found online at <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com>.

| Test Date (Saturday) | Regular Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| October 19, 2013     | September 13, 2013            | September 27, 2013         |
| Feb. 8, 2014         | Jan. 3, 2014                  | Jan. 17, 2014              |
| April 26, 2014       | March 21, 2014                | April 4, 2014              |
| July 19, 2014        | June 13, 2014                 | June 27, 2014              |

### Additional Information:

- Most candidates complete the LAST after their sophomore year, the ATS-W after completing all education coursework and the CST after completing most of the coursework in their major.
- NYSTCE scores are automatically sent to the New York State Department of Education.
- Preparation guides for each test in the NYSTCE program can be viewed or downloaded at no charge at <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>.
- Registration is only available online at <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>.
- For additional information on NYS certification standards, check: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>

### NEW:

Several NYSTCE tests are now also offered through computer based testing at regional test centers on a scheduled appointment basis. The tests are administered via computer and additional registration fees apply. For more information, visit the NYSTCE web site and under “Quick Links” click on “Is Computer-Based Testing Right for Me?”

Candidates applying for certification on or after May 1, 2014 will fall under new testing requirements. For more information, go to [http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY\\_annProgramUpdate.asp](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_annProgramUpdate.asp).