

Certification Checklist Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Candidates seeking **initial** certification in New York State must:

1. _____ **Complete SUNY Geneseo Degree Program Leading to NY State Certification** [Including Student Teaching and Required Seminars: Identification of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (CHD), School Violence and Prevention (SAVE), and Dignity for All Students (DASA)]
2. _____ **Fingerprinting and Criminal Background Check** - All candidates for initial certification and all new school employees must be cleared through FBI fingerprinting and criminal background check. The costs for the fingerprinting and the background check are incurred by the candidate.
3. _____ **Pass Required New York State Teacher Certification Exams (NYSTCE)** – the exams required for certification are listed below:

_____ Educating All Students Test (EAS) (201)

_____ Content Specialty Test (CST) – You must take both tests and pass all parts:

1. Multi-subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (birth – grade 2)
Part I: Literacy and English Language Arts (211)
Part II: Mathematics (212)
Part III: Arts and Sciences (245)
2. Multi-subject: Teachers of Childhood (grades 1-6)
Part I: Literacy and English Language Arts (221)
Part II: Mathematics (222)
Part III: Arts and Sciences (245)

**Note: Candidates may register to take all three parts at the same time or register to take each part separately. However, it is less expensive to register for all three parts at one time. Also, Part Three of the test is the same for both exams. Candidates only need to take and pass Part Three once. All parts must be passed.*

_____ edTPA – Candidates may complete any *one* of the following options:

1. Elementary Education edTPA – Mathematics with Literacy Task Four
2. Elementary Education edTPA – Literacy with Mathematics Task Four
3. Early Childhood edTPA

4. _____ **Apply for New York State Teacher Certification through the TEACH website** – Click on the following link for step-by-step directions of how to apply for a certificate: https://www.geneseo.edu/sites/default/files/sites/dean_office/FormUGTeachCert.pdf. For questions about applying for certification contact the Graduation Records Office in Erwin 106C by calling (585) 245-5543.
5. _____ *****Once you have completed your application: you must print and submit your application information to the DAPA Office**, Erwin 106, along with a \$10 processing fee (\$10 check made payable to *SUNY Geneseo* or, if paying by cash or credit card, a receipt for \$10 from the Student Accounts office). The application information can be found by returning to *TEACH Home* and selecting *Account Information* under the **Inquiry Links** heading. This will bring up a menu box, where you should select *Certificates* and then *Go*. A screen print of this page must be submitted. **Please also write your G# and graduation term (i.e. May 2020) at the top of the page.** *****Your recommendation will not be processed without receipt of the above information and processing fee*****

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