

Advanced Certification in Special Education Program
Guide to Applying for Certification
This document is inclusive of NYSED COVID-19 updates

Make sure to read through the full breakdown of the updates from the NYSED website here:
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>

Since some [testing centers](#) have reopened as of May 1, 2020, certification exams and credit requirements remain necessary for initial or professional license.

In order to qualify for an Initial and/or Professional Students with Disabilities license, all candidates need to:

1. Hold a valid New York State Initial, Permanent or Professional license in another subject area
2. Meet credit requirements and receive an institutional recommendation
 - To be recommended by Relay, you must:
 - i. Satisfy any [outstanding prerequisite credits](#)
 - ii. Complete and pass Relay coursework to demonstrate good [academic standing](#)
3. Pass required Certification Exams (specific details below)
4. Apply for an Initial or Professional License via the Approved Teacher Prep program - Additional Certificate pathway on TEACH in either:
 - Students with Disabilities: Grades 1-6 Generalist certificate
 - Students with Disabilities: Grades 7-12 Generalist certificate

Required Certification Exams

All candidates must take the [CST Students with Disabilities \(060\)](#) exam.

Students who are seeking the 1-6 Students with Disabilities license also need to take the [Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood \(Grade 1–Grade 6\) \(221/222/245\)](#) exam. Advanced Certificate candidates may have already taken this exam to meet the requirements of their existing initial or professional license.

Students who are seeking the 7-12 Students with Disabilities - Generalist license also need to take the [Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers \(Grade 7–Grade 12\) \(241/244/245\)](#) exam. Advanced Certificate candidates may have already taken this exam to meet the requirements of their existing initial or professional license.

Emergency COVID-19 Certificate

If you anticipate not being able to take and pass the required exams before the start of SY21-22, you should apply for an [Emergency COVID-19 Certificate](#) prior to September 1, 2021. The Emergency COVID-19 certificate is valid for one year, through Sept 1, 2022, and provides more time to meet the NYS

licensure requirements outlined above. Note: there is no cost for the Emergency COVID-19 Certificate, however you must apply and pay for the Initial/Professional Certificate that you seek in order to be eligible.

Exam Support Resources

Exam	Description	Relay Library Resources
CST Students with Disabilities (060)	Test Details	Study Book #1 ; Study Book #2
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1–Grade 6) (221/222/245)	Test Details	Study Guide
Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7–Grade 12) (241/244/245)	Test Details	Study Guide

Applying for your Additional Certificate

When applying on your [TEACH Account](#) you'll want to apply for an Initial or Professional License via the Approved Teacher Prep program - Additional Certificate pathway:

	If you are seeking the Students with Disabilities: Grades 1-6 certificate use this information below:	If you are seeking the Students with Disabilities: Grades 7-12 - Generalist certificate use this information below:
Subject Area	Students with Disabilities	Students with Disabilities
Grade Level	Childhood 1-6	Adolescents 7-12
Title	Students With Disabilities Grades 1-6	Students With Disabilities- Grades 7-12 - Generalist
Type of Certificate	Initial or Professional Certificate dependent upon the license you currently hold	Initial or Professional Certificate dependent upon the license you currently hold
Teach Program Code	36594	36593

Make sure to reach out to your advisor or sign-up for [certification office hours](#) if you have more questions.