



# NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#).

## BOARD OF REGENTS SEPTEMBER ITEMS

**New Students with Disabilities (All Grades) Certificate.** The Board of Regents [adopted a regulatory amendment](#) to establish the Students with Disabilities (All Grades) certificate and revise the [extension](#) to teach certain subjects to students with disabilities in grades 5-9 or grades 7-12 for eligible special education teachers. New York State institutions of higher education can apply to register SWD (All Grades) programs beginning September 28, 2022. The registration requirements for this program, including the coursework and clinical experience requirements, are posted on the [Office of College and University Evaluation website](#). The Department will no longer register new programs leading to the current SWD (Grades 1-6) and SWD (Grades 7-12) certificates on or after October 1, 2022. All SWD (Grades 1-6) and SWD (Grades 7-12) programs will be discontinued on or after September 1, 2029. Additional information about the SWD (All Grades) certificate is available on the [SWD \(All Grades\) Certificate Summary and FAQs webpage](#).

**New Literacy (All Grades) Certificate.** The Board of Regents [adopted a regulatory amendment](#) to establish the Literacy (All Grades) certificate. New York State institutions of higher education can apply to register Literacy (All Grades) programs beginning September 28, 2022. The registration requirements for this program, including the coursework and clinical experience requirements, are posted on the [Office of College and University Evaluation website](#). The Department will no longer register new programs leading to the current Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) and Literacy (Grades 5-12) certificates on or after October 1, 2022. All Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) and Literacy (Grades 5-12) programs will be discontinued on or after September 1, 2026. Additional information about the Literacy (All Grades) certificate is available on the [Office of Teaching Initiatives website](#).

**Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test (CST) Safety Net.** The Board of Regents [adopted a regulatory amendment](#) to create a safety net for the revised Business and Marketing CST that allows candidates to take either the revised CST or the predecessor CST in Business and Marketing for one year after the revised CST becomes operational on September 12, 2022. The test framework and study guide for the revised CST are available on the [NYSTCE website](#) for candidates and teacher preparation programs to assist in preparing for the revised test.

### ASSESSMENT VOUCHERS

The annual assessment fee vouchers for the [NYSTCE tests](#) were sent by email to the Education Deans and Directors on September 26.

**Certification for College Professors.** The Transitional G certificate is one option for current and former college professors to obtain certification and teach in New York State public schools. College professors can also become eligible for the Initial certificate through the individual evaluation pathway to certification by either: (1) gaining two years of satisfactory teaching experience while holding the Transitional G certificate; or (2) completing at least six credits of undergraduate pedagogical coursework or four credits of graduate coursework in specified areas, such as the methods of teaching. The Department [proposed a regulatory](#)

[amendment](#) to remove the requirement that college professors' relevant experience be completed within 10 years immediately preceding the Transitional G or Initial certificate application date and allow college professors to meet the education requirement if they have a baccalaureate degree in the area of a certificate title (or in a closely related subject area acceptable to the Department), as long as they possess a graduate degree in another area. Public comments on the proposal can be submitted to [oheregcomments@nysed.gov](mailto:oheregcomments@nysed.gov) through November 28, 2022.

## **NEW OFFICE OF TEACHER AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has created an Office of Teacher and Leader Development to bring together the various units charged with teacher and leader development under one umbrella. This new office will enable the Department to more deeply consider policies and supports for developing stronger and more diverse teacher and leader recruitment and retention opportunities; pre- and in-service professional learning opportunities; and better inform educator certification through a strong connection to the field, research organizations, and a deep understanding of the law and regulations. The office will coordinate efforts across the continuum of P-20 offices, serve as content experts and a resource on school leadership, and ensure that the needs and concerns of teachers and school leaders have an active voice in our shared work.

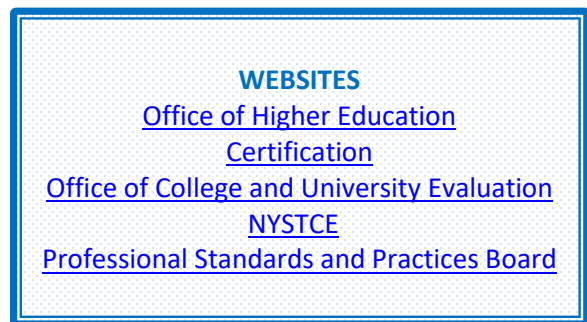
Alexander Trikalinos has been appointed as the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Teacher and Leader Development and brings extensive knowledge and experience in teacher and school leader development and professional learning. He holds a Juris Doctor from Albany Law School and started his career as a classroom instructor and master tutor. He started with the Department in 2013 as an Education Specialist in the Office of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness where he provided support and technical assistance to stakeholders regarding statutory and regulatory requirements for developing and implementing teacher and principal evaluation systems. Mr. Trikalinos then held the position of Interim Director of that office and was subsequently promoted to serve as the Executive Director, a position which he has held since 2016.

## **NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS (NYSTCE) TEST DEVELOPMENT**

**Content Specialty Test (CST) Frameworks.** The frameworks for the new [Computer Science CST](#), revised [Physical Education CST](#), and new [School Counselor CST](#) are now available on the [NYSTCE website](#). The frameworks can assist candidates and educator preparation programs in preparing for the assessments.

**Recruiting Educators for Test Development.** NYSED is seeking educators to participate in the following committees.

- Item Review for the new School Counselor Content Specialty Test (CST)
- Item Review for the new Computer Science CST
- Item Review for the School Building Leader Assessment
- Standard Setting for the Business and Marketing CST
- Bias Review for all exam work



Higher education professionals, including both higher education educator preparation faculty and higher education faculty who have content expertise, are encouraged to apply for the committees by visiting the [Educator Participation Opportunities webpage](#) and completing the [online application](#).

## NYS PLAN PILOT WEBINAR SERIES

Complementing the [Graduation Measures](#) initiative, NYSED's Performance-Based Learning & Assessment Networks (PLAN) Pilot is exploring how performance-based approaches can be implemented in a diverse range of P-12 schools across New York State, and how to support schools in making that transition. NYSED is launching a PLAN Pilot Webinar Series to provide information on performance-based learning and assessment. All webinars will be recorded and posted on the [PLAN Pilot website](#) following the live event. The first webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. and features distinguished guest presenter Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, President and CEO of the Learning Policy Institute, who will discuss how performance-based learning and assessment foster deeper learning and the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Individuals can register using this [link](#), and sign up for the PLAN Pilot [listserv](#) to receive notice of future webinars. Questions can be sent to: [plan.pilot@nysed.gov](mailto:plan.pilot@nysed.gov).

## NYS NEXT GENERATION MATHEMATICS LEARNING STANDARDS WEBINAR POSTED

To support the field with the [implementation](#) of the [New York State Next Generation Mathematics Learning Standards](#), the NYSED Office of Standards and Instruction hosted three one-hour webinars this past spring. During the webinars, the math team presented and reviewed existing materials and resources designed for the standards transition. The Next Generation Mathematics Learning Standards Resources Review webinar is now posted [online](#), which may be helpful for faculty in mathematics teacher preparation programs. For questions regarding this webinar or the standards, please send an email to [emscurric@nysed.gov](mailto:emscurric@nysed.gov).

## NEW OFFICE OF STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

Beginning this fall, the NYSED Office of Standards and Instruction will publish a newsletter to share important news, notable developments, helpful advice, and interesting information relating to standards-based instruction across all content areas. Available on the [Standards and Instruction homepage](#), the newsletter will present timely and relevant updates on topics including learning standards, awards, conferences, and instructional resources. To be notified of new editions or to receive other updates from the Office of Standards and Instruction, please subscribe to the [Content Area Notification Service](#). Questions can be sent to: [emscurric@nysed.gov](mailto:emscurric@nysed.gov).

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