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To: Deans and Directors of Institutions Offering Educator Preparation Programs
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Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (clcu)
The City University of New York
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Other Interested Parties

From: John L. D'Agati 

Subject: Implementation of the Revised Multi-Subject Tests

Beginning September 22, 2014 and thereafter, as per my memorandum of July 10, 2014 (attached and also located on the Department's web site at www.highered.nysed.gov/memos/CSTJuly10.pdf), the following revised version of the multi-subject tests will be administered for the first time:

- Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) (Field 211/212/245)
- Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-Grade 6) (Field 221/222/245)
- Multi-Subject: Teachers of Middle Childhood (Grade 5-Grade 9) (Field 231/232/245),
- Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7-Grade 12) (Field 241/242/245)

Effective August 28, 2014, candidates who have not registered to take the previous version of the Multi-Subject Tests must register for the revised version of the Multi-Subject Tests.

Each revised version of the Multi-Subject Tests contains three parts:

Part One: Literacy and English Language Arts

Part Two: Mathematics

Part Three: Arts and Sciences

Please note: Candidates may register to take all three parts at the same time or may register to take each part separately. However, it is less expensive to register for all three parts at the same time. Also, Part Three of the test is the same for all Multi-Subject Tests. A candidate applying for multiple Multi-Subject certificates only needs to take and pass Part Three once.

Candidates must **successfully pass all three parts of a revised Multi-Subject Test** in order to receive a passing score for certification. In the event that a candidate fails to obtain a passing score on one or more parts of the test, the candidate must reregister and retake the part(s) she/he did not pass. Any candidate who fails to pass the previous version of the Multi-Subject Tests and/or did not register to take the previous version of the Multi-Subject Tests by August 22, 2014 must register, take, and pass **all three parts** of the revised version of the Multi-Subject Tests. The candidate can no longer register to retake the previous version of the Multi-Subject Tests after August 22, 2014.

In addition, if any attempt to pass a part of the exam is unsuccessful, candidates must wait 60 days before retaking Parts One and/or Two of the revised Multi Subject Tests. Candidates must wait 30 days before retaking Part Three of the revised Multi Subject Tests. Although candidates must wait the required time period before they can retake the test, candidates may reregister immediately.

Registration for the revised Multi-Subject Tests will open on August 28, 2014 and the first administration date will be September 22, 2014. If a candidate did not pass the previous version of the Multi Subject Test by September 21, 2014, he/she must take the appropriate revised Multi-Subject Test. Please refer candidates to the New York State Teacher Certification Examination website (www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY17_testdates.asp?pagetype=CBT) for available test dates. Preparation guides, along with updated test frameworks and other useful information for test preparation, are also available on the NYSTCE website at: www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_prepare_opener.asp.

Please ensure that this information is disseminated to your faculty, students and other appropriate individuals.

Attachment




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July 10, 2014

To: Deans and Directors of Teacher Preparation Programs
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From: John L. D'Agati 

Subject: Content Specialty Test Preparation Guides

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is pleased to announce that the preparation guides, along with updated test frameworks and other useful information for test preparation, are now available on the New York State Teacher Certification Examination (NYSTCE) website at http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_prepare_opener.asp for the Content Specialty Tests (CST) listed below.

Anticipated Open Registration Date – August 21, 2014

First Administration Date – September 22, 2014

Test Field	Link to Preparation Guide
English Language Arts	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=003
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth–Grade 2)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=211
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-Grade 6)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=221
Multi-Subject: Teachers of Middle Childhood (Grade 5–Grade 9)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=231
Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7–Grade 12)	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=241
Agriculture	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=068
Business and Marketing	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=69
Family and Consumer Sciences	http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=072

Candidates taking one of the CSTs listed above on or after September 22, 2014, must take the revised CST examination for certification. Registration for the revised CSTs is anticipated to begin on August 21, 2014. The first administration of these more rigorous examinations will begin on September 22, 2014. Candidates should register and prepare for the revised CST examinations with these dates in mind, as the prior versions of these CST's will no longer be available.

Also, please make sure to inform all of your students that, when the revised Multi-Subject tests are implemented, candidates will need to pass each of the three sections of the assessment, (the Math, the English Language Arts and general knowledge sections will be scored separately) to meet the certification requirements.

Candidates who are working towards the Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 Generalist certification will be required to take the Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7 – Grade 12) examination once it becomes available on September 22, 2014. These candidates are not eligible to use the current Multi-Subject Content Specialty Test (CST) (002) for this certification.

Please ensure that this information is disseminated to your faculty, students, and certification officers.