



# 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 JUNE ITEMS

**Emergency COVID-19 Certificate.** Candidates can earn extensions on their certificates, if they hold an appropriate, valid base certificate. The Board of Regents [adopted an emergency measure](#) to allow the Emergency COVID-19 certificate to serve as a base certificate for certain extensions and the severe or multiple disabilities annotation. The Board of Regents also [adopted an emergency measure](#) to revise the Emergency COVID-19 certificate, including adding certificate titles to the list of emergency certificates and expanding the options for earning an emergency certificate for candidates who applied for certain Emergency COVID-19 extensions and annotations and hold an appropriate, valid Emergency COVID-19 base certificate.

**Teaching Assistant Certificates.** The Board of Regents [adopted an emergency measure](#) to extend the expiration date of Teaching Assistant Level I certificates, Level I Renewals, Level II certificates, Pre-Professional certificates, and Pre-Professional Renewals from August 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021 to provide candidates with the time needed to work in schools and complete the requirements for the next level Teaching Assistant certificate given the COVID-19 crisis. The certificate expiration dates have been automatically changed in TEACH. In addition, the emergency measure allows teaching assistant experience that is gained while a candidate holds the Emergency COVID-19 Teaching Assistant certificate to satisfy the experience requirement for the Teaching Assistant Level II, Level III, and Pre-Professional certificates.

## EMERGENCY COVID-19 CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

Please inform candidates who are seeking certain certificates and extensions that they may be eligible for the Emergency COVID-19 certificate, allowing them to work in New York State public schools or districts for one year while taking and passing the required exam(s) for the certificate or extension sought. With this one-year emergency certificate, candidates would not need to take certification exams immediately and could take them at a later date. Information about the new emergency certificate is available on the [Emergency COVID-19 certificate webpage](#), including the requirements and one-time renewal.

For the Emergency COVID-19 certificate, candidates need to apply for both the emergency certificate [and](#) the non-emergency certificate in the same certificate title by September 1, 2020 (e.g., Emergency COVID-19 Childhood Education certificate and Initial Childhood Education certificate). In addition, candidates who apply for an emergency certificate and completed, or are completing, a New York State approved educator preparation program prior to Fall 2020 must have a College Recommendation in TEACH listing a “Degree Date” that is dated on or before September 1, 2020. The Degree Date listed in the College Recommendation is the date that the candidate completed all program requirements, which may be different from the graduation date. Finally, the College Recommendation may be entered in TEACH after September 1, 2020, and the application(s) may be evaluated after that date as well.

## COACHING COURSE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

All coaches of extracurricular sports must complete a sport-specific theory and techniques of coaching course within five years of their initial appointment as a coach. One of the requirements in this course is an internship experience. For the internship experience during Summer 2020, the Department encourages course instructors to provide opportunities for coaches to work with P-12 students, mentors, and supervisors in-person or virtually using distance education instructional methods and technologies, wherever possible. If this type of interaction is not possible for the entire experience due to the COVID-19 crisis, course instructors may supplement the internship experience with alternative methods of instruction. However, the internship must include some virtual and/or in-person interaction with P-12 students. Please see the [memo to the field](#) for additional details, including examples of alternative methods of instruction.

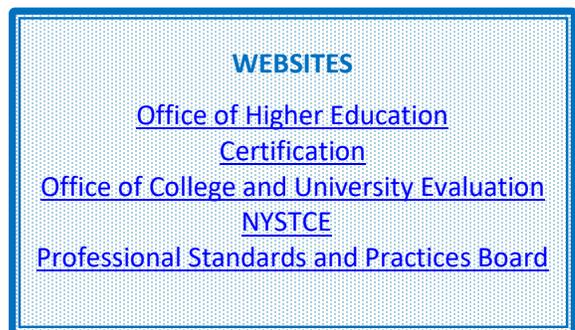
## FINGERPRINTING FEE INCREASE

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has issued [a revised fee schedule](#) for civil fingerprint-based Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) checks effective July 1, 2020. The administrative fee for MorphoTrust/IDEMIA fingerprinting processing will increase from \$13.50 to \$13.75. The MorphoTrust/IDEMIA fee rate is based on the date that applicants are processed at an Enrollment Center and **not** on the date that applicants schedule their appointment. Applicants who were fingerprinted on or before June 30, 2020 would pay the \$13.50 MorphoTrust/IDEMIA fee, and applicants processed on or after July 1, 2020 will pay the \$13.75 MorphoTrust/IDEMIA fee. The total fingerprint application fee effective July 1, 2020 is \$102.00. Information about fingerprinting is available on the [Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability \(OSPRA\) website](#).

## NEW YORK STATE EDTPA FULL REFUND AND REPLACEMENT VOUCHER INFORMATION

Candidates who are [eligible for the edTPA safety net](#) and used a credit card to register for the edTPA, but have not yet submitted a portfolio for official scoring and now plan to take the ATS-W, can receive a full refund by following the steps outlined on the [edTPA Full Refund and Replacement Voucher webpage](#). The steps require institution of higher education edTPA Coordinators to complete specified activities, which they learned about via email.

Candidates who are eligible for the edTPA safety net and used a voucher from their New York State institution to register for the edTPA, but have not yet submitted a portfolio for official scoring and now plan to take the ATS-W, must withdraw their edTPA registration by September 14, 2020 for the institution to receive replacement vouchers. In addition, the institution's edTPA Coordinator must complete specified activities by September 25, 2020. The institution may have purchased the voucher or may have received the voucher from NYSED.



Candidates who are eligible for the edTPA safety net, did not register for the edTPA, and received an edTPA voucher from their institution of higher education that originated from NYSED (i.e., the institution did not purchase the voucher), can use the voucher for either the edTPA or ATS-W. Replacement edTPA vouchers for vouchers that the institution received from NYSED can be used for either the edTPA or ATS-W. Please note that vouchers cannot be applied retroactively to existing registrations.

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

**Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment.** It is anticipated that the Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment will become operational in November 2020. It is also anticipated that the assessment will have a safety net. The [assessment framework](#) is available on the [NYSTCE website](#) to assist candidates and school building leader preparation programs in the preparation of candidates for the revised assessment. After this assessment becomes operational, individuals can fulfill the [School Building Leader assessment requirement](#) for certification by passing: 1) Part One of either the Revised (Sept. 2013) School Building Leader Assessment or Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment, **and** 2) Part Two of either the Revised (Sept. 2013) School Building Leader Assessment or Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment.

**Revised Arts Content Specialty Tests.** It is anticipated that the revised Content Specialty Tests (CSTs) in Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts will become operational in November 2020. It is also anticipated that these CSTs will have a safety net. The test frameworks for the revised arts CSTs are available on the [NYSTCE website](#) to assist candidates and teacher preparation programs in the preparation of candidates for the revised tests.

**Content Specialty Test (CST) Study Guides.** Updated Study Guides for the [Physical Education CST](#), [English Language Arts CST](#), [English to Speakers of Other Second Languages \(ESOL\) CST](#), [Literacy CST](#), and [Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood \(Birth-Grade 2\), Parts One and Two tests](#) are now available on the [NYSTCE website](#). The study guides include sample selected-response questions and sample constructed-response items. The sample responses in the Study Guides for the revised [Biology CST](#), [Chemistry CST](#), [Earth Science CST](#), and [Physics CST](#) have also been updated.

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