

Special Education Certificate Titles and Teaching Assignment

		Special Education Teaching Assignments					
Certificate Title	Grade Level (where instruction occurs)	(Preschool) Itinerant teacher	Consultant Teacher	Resource Room Teacher	Integrated Co-Teaching Services	Special Class with All Students under Alternate Assessment	Special Class Teacher (Self-contained classroom)
K-12 Special Education Issued prior to 2/2/04	Pre K - Grade 12	√	√	√	√	√	√ see footnote #1
K-12 Special Education with Content Area Extension	Pre K - Grade 12	√	√	√	√	√	Grades Pre K-12 in Content Area of Extension ³
Students with Disabilities Birth - Grade 2	Early Intervention, Preschool, Kindergarten - Grade 2	√	√	√	√	√	Birth - Grade 2
Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6	Grades 1-6		√	√	√	√	Grades 1-6
Students with Disabilities Grades 5-9 Generalist	Grades 5-9		√	√	√	√	Grades 5-9 Common Branch Subjects
Students with Disabilities Grades 5-9 Generalist with Content Area Extension	Grades 5-9		√	√	√	√	Grades 5-9 Content Area of Extension ³
Students with Disabilities Grades 5-9 Content Specialist	Grades 5-9		√	√	√	√	Grades 5-9 Content Area of Certificate ^{1,2}
Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 - Content Specialist	Grades 7-12		√	√	√	√	Grades 7-12 Content Area of Certificate(s) ^{1,2}
Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 Generalist	Grades 7-12		√	√	√	√	
Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 Generalist with Content Area Extension	Grades 7-12		√	√	√	√	Grades 7-12 in Content Area of Extension(s) ³

1 If the teacher holding this certificate meets the federal definition of highly qualified for a core academic subject, he or she may teach that academic area at the grade level of his or her certificate to students in a special class. The department recommends collaboration between the special education teacher and the general education teacher of the content area.

2 A teacher holding one of the SWD Content Specialist certificate is also qualified for the comparable general education certificate, but must apply for and hold the general education certificate to teach the general education assignment.

3 The academic area extension to SWD certification requires . . .
 1) 18 semester hours in the content area of the extension
 2) the Content Specialty Test in the subject of the Extension
 3) Collaboration with a certified general education content specialist weekly
 4) Co-teaching with a certified general education content specialist monthly

Note: For teachers employed by a school enumerated in Article 81, 85, 87, 88 or 89 of the Education Law or a special act school district as defined in Subdivision 8 of Section 4001 of the Education Law, that cannot meet the requirements of this subdivision, the school shall submit an alternate plan to the NYSED.