



NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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

OFFICE OF TEACHING INITIATIVES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RETIRING

Ann Jasinski, who currently oversees educator certification, will be retiring after providing many years of service to New York State. Her last day in the office is September 5th. One of her many accomplishments includes the development and implementation of the TEACH system. Her depth of knowledge and dedication to the Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI) will be greatly missed.

Laura Glass will serve as the main contact for educator certification while the Department searches for her replacement in OTI.

NEW ELEMENTARY EDUCATION EDTPA HANDBOOK UNDER CONSIDERATION

Childhood Education teacher candidates currently complete the Elementary Education edTPA handbook with four tasks, with three of the tasks assessing literacy and one task assessing mathematics. In early October, the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) is renaming this handbook “Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4.” This name distinguishes the handbook from their new “Elementary Education: Mathematics with Literacy Task 4” edTPA handbook that is a reverse of the current handbook, with three of the tasks assessing mathematics and one task assessing literacy.

NYSED leadership is considering whether to recognize the new “Elementary Education: Mathematics with Literacy Task 4” edTPA handbook for Childhood Education certification in addition to recognizing the “Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4” edTPA handbook for this certification. The Department is planning to make a decision regarding the new handbook in early fall and will announce the decision on the [Office of Teaching initiatives website](#) and in an upcoming newsletter. The current three-task Elementary Literacy edTPA handbook and three-task Elementary Mathematics edTPA handbook will continue to be unacceptable for New York State Childhood Education certification.

OTI NOW ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS

The Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI) is now accepting electronic transcripts from the company Credentials Solutions for certification purposes because it sends the transcripts to OTI through a secure database. During the Credentials Solutions ordering process, teacher candidates should indicate that their electronic transcript be sent to tcert@nysed.gov. Electronic transcripts are preferred over paper transcripts due to faster processing. For all transcripts, teacher candidates need to have the last four digits of their social security number and/or their date of birth listed on them.

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