



**SUNY CORTLAND  
AD HOC TEACHER EDUCATION  
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Changes in  
Teacher Certification

# Teacher Certification Resources at SUNY Cortland

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- Career Services:
- Registrar's Office:
- Teacher Certification Officer:

# Teacher Certification At SUNY Cortland

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- Faculty requests for information
- Classroom/Department Presentations
- Fingerprinting

# Certification Authorization

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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- UG students complete a Teacher Certification Recommendation Authorization form (available on the Registrar's Website or through Career Services) which gives SUNY Cortland permission to recommend the student to NYSED for certification.
- The student signs on to myRedDragon and retrieves their specific program code.
- Once a student graduates, SUNY Cortland makes an institutional recommendation to NYSED for the initial certification via the TEACH website.

# Certification Authorization

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## GRADUATE STUDENTS

- GR students complete a Teacher Certification Recommendation Authorization Form giving us permission to recommend a student to NYSED for certification.
- Once the authorization form has been received and processed, a Student Information Sheet (SIS) is then sent, via email to the student, which provides them with information pertaining to their Master's program including their program code.
- Once the student graduates, SUNY Cortland then makes an institutional recommendation to NYSED for an initial and/or professional certification via the TEACH website.

# Certification Authorization

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## CAS CANDIDATES

- CAS candidates complete the Teacher Certification Recommendation Authorization Form which gives Cortland permission to recommend a student to NYSED for certification.
- The candidate can then register for their internship.
- Once the internship has been completed and the candidate graduates, Cortland makes an institutional recommendation to NYSED for certification via the TEACH website.

# Pathways to Teacher Certification

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- Approved Teacher Preparation Program
- Individual Evaluation (Sunset 02/01/2013)
- Certificate Progression
- Individual Evaluation for Additional Certificate
- Interstate Reciprocity
- National Board Certification
- STEM (for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- New York State Professional Licensure

# Common Pitfalls for Students

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- Completing incorrect NYSTCE
- Not filing authorization form
- Wrong program code
- Applying through incorrect pathway
- Not taking correct undergraduate coursework (or double major) to facilitate individual evaluation options for additional certification

# Update on New Certification Changes

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- SWD Changes
- STEM Certification
- Initial Re-issuance

# Changes to NYSTCE

## Performance-Based Assessments

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- **New Exams for Teacher and Building Leader Certification to be Released in 2012**
- NYSED is recommending that candidates graduating in May 2013 or after wait for the new test to be available before beginning testing. As currently planned, teacher and building leader candidates graduating in May 2013 or after will need to pass a new set of New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE). For more information, please contact [Career Services](#) or visit [the NYSED site](#).
- Currently, most teacher certification students need to take the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST), a Content Specialty Test (CST) and the Assessment of Teaching Skills – Written (ATS-W).
- Requirements vary by certification area, so please consult [Career Services](#) to find out specifically which tests you should take.

# Comparison of “OLD” and “NEW” NYS Teaching Certification Exams

Field	Current Requirements	Planned Requirements Beginning with Graduates of 2013
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberal Arts and Sciences Test</li> <li>• Assessment of Teaching Skills – Written (Elementary or Secondary)</li> <li>• Content Specialty Test(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Assessment (Portfolio)</li> <li>• Written Assessments: Content Specialty Test(s) Writing Skills Educating All Students</li> </ul>
School Building Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Assessment (2 Parts)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Assessment (Portfolio)</li> <li>• Written Assessment (1 Part)</li> </ul>

# What do these changes mean for SUNY Cortland?

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- Important that teacher candidates and ed leadership candidates know the May, 2013 date for full implementation of the new exams.
- The new exams will apply to transfer students admitted Fall 2011.

# The SUNY Cortland Teacher Certification Officer

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- The Teacher Certification Officer (TCO) recommends SUNY Cortland graduates to the New York State Department of Education for teacher certification after they have completed an approved teacher preparation program. The Teacher Certification Officer also verifies program completion for graduates applying for out-of-state certification and serves as a resource for a variety of teacher certification related topics.
- **SUNY Cortland's TCO is:**
  - Dr. Marley S. Barduhn, Assistant Provost for Teacher Education
  - 1314A Cornish Hall                      607-753-4704
  - <http://www2.cortland.edu/teacher-education/teacher-education-forms/>

# Out of State Certification Requests

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- Where are our alumni going?
- Total Requests from January 2011 = 123
- **The Top 5 States**
  - Virginia 27
  - North Carolina 13
  - New Jersey 13
  - Connecticut 11
  - Massachusetts 7
  - Washington 7
  - International 2

# Miscellaneous

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- Special considerations for Graduate Student Certification
- Graduate Student Certification Checklist
- ‘Go to’ Website for existing students and faculty listing upcoming changes in certification requirements and testing
- Point of Contact for teacher ed candidates across campus and faculty requests for information and presentations
- Middle Childhood Extensions

# Q & A

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