New York City Alternative Teacher Certification Programs allow recent college graduates and career changers to earn a New York State teaching certification through an expedited route while completing a master’s degree and receiving hands-on training in a New York City public school.

The NYC Teaching Fellows and NYC Teaching Collaborative programs prepare new teachers to be ready to lead a NYC classroom on day one - and make a difference for the students who need them the most.
Facts about NYC Alternative Teacher Certification Programs

**NYC Teaching Fellows**

- **7-week Summer Intensive**  
  June - August

- **Application is typically open**  
  December - March

- **Math, Science, Special Education, Spanish**

- Fellows can accept a full-time position in any Title I-funded NYC public school

**NYC Teaching Collaborative**

- **5-month Spring Residency**  
  January - June

- **Application is typically open**  
  May - October

- **Math, Science, Special Education, Bilingual Spanish, English as a New Language**

- Partner Teachers accept a position at select schools where they are most needed

*Subject areas vary year to year and program to program to meet the needs of NYC schools.

**Program Benefits**

- Stipend during training
- Hands-on training in a NYC public school
- Skill-Building Sessions to develop teaching practice
- Subsidized Master’s Degree
- Community of passionate educators
- Job search supports and resources
- Starting teacher salary of at least $59,291 + benefits

**Program Eligibility Requirements**

- Be sure you meet basic program requirements before you apply:
  - Bachelor’s degree by the start of program
  - Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0*
  - Fluent in written and spoken English
  - Authorized to work in the United States through July 2022
  - Never been certified to teach or completed a degree program that would lead to teacher certification in the U.S. or Puerto Rico

*GPA minimum is required by our university partners, as per NY state regulations. If you have an undergraduate final cumulative GPA of 2.5 to 2.99, you are eligible to apply but will be required to write a GPA statement providing more information about your academic background.