

Early Childhood (Birth – 2nd) Certification in NY State

Build Your Study Plan

In order to qualify for the NYCEEC Lead Teacher opportunity, not-yet-certified candidates must have a Study Plan leading to NY State (NYS) Early Childhood Certification within 3 years of hire.

We know that completing these requirements can be challenging while teaching full-time. We encourage candidates to consult their University advisors for guidance and resources throughout this process. Candidates are also encouraged to discuss any questions and concerns openly with their Education Directors as they arise.

For additional support, reach out to the CUNY Professional Development Institute at (718) 254-7353 or info@earlychildhoodny.org.

NY State Certification Requirements for Early Childhood Education

- ✓ Complete a NY State registered program* in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)
- ✓ Obtain institutional recommendation** in Early childhood Education
- ✓ Take and pass the following NYS Teacher Certification Exams:
 - Educating All Students Test (EAS)
 - Content Specialty Test (CST) – Multi-Subject or Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early childhood (B –2)
 - edTPA – Early childhood
- ✓ Complete Required Workshops – Dignity For All Students Act and School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- ✓ Pass a fingerprint-based background check

Please feel free to use the checklist below to work through the Study Plan process:

Early Childhood Education Certification Program & Institutional Recommendation

- Researching Schools of Education
- Applied to Schools of Education
- Enrolled in School of Education program that leads to Early Childhood certification
- Date of expected graduation: _____

NYS Teacher Certification Exams & Workshops

- Created TEACH account
- Taken the Following Exams
 - Educating All Students (EAS)
 - Content Specialty Test (CST) – 3 parts
 - edTPA – Early Childhood
- Taken the Following Workshops
 - Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)
 - School Violence Intervention & Prevention