Teacher Ed 101 Webinar

Graduate Teacher Education Programs at the City University of New York

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Presentation Overview

- Why become a teacher in New York City?
- How to become a teacher in New York City?
- Why CUNY?
- CUNY teacher education programs, features and highlights (Check out the complete list here: www.cuny.edu/teachered)
- Common elements of graduate applications
- Questions to consider before applying
- Admissions offices on our campuses
- Q & A

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Why Become a Teacher in NYC?

Some Benefits

- Teach in the largest and most diverse school district in the country
- The ability to directly impact children and communities, maybe yours!
- An innovative career with many opportunities for advancement
- Variety of health insurance plans that offer family coverage, including registered domestic partners
- Dental, vision, and prescription drug benefits
- Retirement, disability, and death benefit services
- Supplemental retirement plan
- School vacations and summers off

*Source: http://teachnyc.net/your-career/salary-and-benefits*
Why Become a Teacher in NYC?

Competitive salaries

- In 2017-18,
  - Starting salaries range from $54,000 (bachelor’s degree, no prior teaching experience) to $81,694 (master’s degree, eight years teaching experience).*
  - New teachers with a master’s degree but no prior teaching experience earned $60,704.*
  - Salaries increase each year for more experience as well as education.*
  - Career Ladders offer paths for growth and leadership.*

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How to Become a Teacher in NYC

Teacher Certification Pathways in New York State

**Traditional**
- Study in a Teacher Education program (undergrad or grad) and earn an education degree, then get certified
  - Initial Certification (minimum bachelor’s required, lasts 5 years)
  - Leads to Professional Certification (master’s required, 3 years of teaching)

**Alternate Route**
- Study to become a teacher after you earn a non-education bachelor’s degree
  - Transitional B Certification (e.g. NYC Teaching Fellows, Teach for America, New Visions; leads to Initial)

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How to Become a Teacher in NYC

New York State Teacher Certification Exams

- **Educating All Students Test (EAS)**
  - Measures professional and pedagogical knowledge and skills necessary to teach all students effectively in New York State public schools

- **Teacher Performance Assessment Test (edTPA)**
  - A teacher performance assessment that includes scoring in five areas: planning, instruction, assessment, analysis of teaching, and academic language

- **Content Specialty Tests (CSTs)**
  - Measure knowledge and skills in the content area of the candidate's field of certification

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Why CUNY?

- A leading provider of teachers to the NYC Department of Education (NYC DOE)
- Enrolls more than 16,000 students in hundreds of education programs
- Two-thirds of CUNY students are in graduate programs
  (Check out the complete list here: www.cuny.edu/teachered)
- 14 CUNY graduates are among 19 Big Apple Award winners for 2017, an award given by the NYC DOE honoring outstanding public school educators
- Convenient! Integrated system where students may take advantage of courses offered on different campuses and online
- World-class faculty, from scientists to fiction writers, includes some of the most creative minds teaching today
- Affordable tuition

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CUNY Graduate Schools of Education

Brooklyn College

College of Staten Island

Hunter College

Lehman College

Queens College

The City College
140+ master’s degree programs, 100+ advanced certificate programs, two doctoral programs— in dozens of subject areas
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Most master’s degree programs lead to NYSED initial or professional certification; CUNY offers several other graduate programs that prepare students for work in non school-based educational settings.

Advanced certificates for current teachers to add license areas, and programs for aspiring principals and superintendents (SBL and SDL)

Doctoral degrees do not lead to certification

Tuition may be the same across colleges; fees structures may differ
Critical partnerships with NYC DOE and the New York City Mayor’s Office that strengthen teaching in critical subject areas in New York City public schools

- Universal Pre-Kindergarten
- Algebra for All
- Computer Science for All
- Pathways to Physical Education

Collaborations with New York City’s most renowned cultural institutions to provide arts and science integration in pre-service teacher education courses

- Lincoln Center Education
- American Museum of Natural History

Innovative, in-depth clinical experiences to enhance pre-service teacher preparation through various Teacher Residency programs

Deep commitment to diversifying the NYC teaching force by recruiting, preparing and supporting non-traditional teacher candidates, men of color, and teachers from underrepresented groups to the DOE

- NYC Teaching Fellows
- New York City Men Teach (NYCMT)
- Teacher Opportunity Corps

A leading provider of teachers to the NYC Department of Education

- Strong hiring opportunities in high-demand job areas like Special Education, Bilingual, and STEM fields.

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Master’s Degree Programs

Some things to consider when comparing programs:

- Degrees offered (MA, MS, MS Ed, MAT)
- Faculty specializations
- Program structure
- Credits
- Student teaching hours
- Advisement
- Fall and Spring admission deadlines
CUNY offers over 100 advanced certificates for already certified teachers, including seven fully online programs:

- **Students with Disabilities (1-6 and 7-12)**
  - The City College

- **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**
  - College of Staten Island
  - Hunter College

- **Gifted Education**
  - Lehman College

- **Bilingual Education (Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian, French, etc.)**
  - Queens College

- **Early Intervention and Parenting**
  - Brooklyn College
Admissions Requirements

- Visit each college’s website and admissions office for specific requirements. Common elements include:
  - Bachelor’s degree, typically a 3.0 minimum undergraduate GPA
  - Transcripts
  - Online application
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Personal statement
  - Resume
  - GRE (not applicable to certified teachers with master’s degrees)
  - Deadlines vary; many are March/April
Questions to Consider

• Think critically about subject areas in which you might want to teach.

• Particularly for non education majors: think about alignment between your transcript history and program offerings at CUNY colleges. Are any of the NYC DOE’s critical shortage areas—Special Education, TESOL/Bilingual Education, Physical Education—a good match for you? A good place to start is http://teachnyc.net/why-teach-nyc/high-need-subjects

• Think expansively about your career options in education. If you like working with youth, but aren’t sure about teaching or work setting, consider other options such as school counseling, speech therapy, youth studies, or social work. CUNY’s Office of Graduate Studies can help you explore: http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/graduate-studies/
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