Learning to Become: Early Childhood Education Careers in New York City

Graduate Teacher Education Programs at the City University of New York

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Why 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](http://www.cuny.edu/teachered))

Early Childhood Education programs at CUNY

Panel
   1. Presentations
   2. FAQs
   3. Audience Q&A
Why Become a Teacher in NYC?

Teaching as a Calling
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

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Why Become a Teacher in NYC?

Competitive salaries

- In 2018-19,
  - New teachers with a master’s degree but no prior teaching experience earned $63,751.*
  - 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

Graduate Teacher Certification Pathways in New York State

Traditional
◦ Study in a Teacher Education program (master’s) and earn an education degree, then get certified in NYS
  • Initial Certification (lasts 5 years)
  • Leads to Professional Certification (master’s required, 3 years of teaching)

Alternate Route
◦ Teach full-time and earn a master’s degree at the same time
  • Transitional B Certification (e.g. NYC Teaching Fellows, New Visions; leads to Initial)
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 18,000 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)
- CUNY graduates always among Big Apple Award winners, 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
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
CUNY Early Childhood Education
Graduate Programs

Early Childhood, B-2
Brooklyn, City, Hunter, Lehman, Queens

Early Childhood Special Education (B-2)
Brooklyn, Hunter, Lehman, Queens

Early Childhood with Bilingual Extension
Hunter

Early Childhood Special Education with Bilingual Extension
Lehman

Literacy, B-6
City, Hunter, Lehman, Queens

NYS Children’s Program Administrator Credential (CPAC)
School of Professional Studies
- Licensed by NYS Office of Child Family Services
- 4 weeks, online; rolling admission

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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

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CPAC program, credentialing process and career pathways:
NY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute
CUNY School of Professional Studies

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Thank you

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