

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
NEW YORK STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR  
GRADUATE STUDENTS IN VISUAL ARTS**

INFORMATION FOR EDUCATION STUDENTS	FEES	TIMELINE
<b>NEW YORK STATE CERTIFICATION TESTS</b>		
<b>1. Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST)</b> (Required for Initial Certification)	\$79	Graduate students: take within first semester of when you begin education coursework
<b>2. Elementary OR Secondary Assessment of Teaching Skills - Written Component (ATS-W)</b> (Required for Initial Certification)	\$79	Graduate students: for initial cert, before student teaching
<b>3. Content Specialty Test (CST) in Certificate Area</b> (Required for Initial Certification)	\$79	Visual Arts Graduate students: before completing program
<b>Computer Based Testing will be available for the LAST for the ATS-W (elementary &amp; secondary) and the Multi-Subject Content Test only. A list of test sites and registration are done on: <a href="http://www.nystce.nesinc.com">www.nystce.nesinc.com</a> .</b>	\$149.00 each	
<b>PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PASS THE LAST, ATS-W AND CST EXAMS TO OBTAIN YOUR INITIAL CERTIFICATION.</b>		
<b>NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS</b>		
<a href="http://www.nystce.nesinc.com">www.nystce.nesinc.com</a>		
<b>Complete Registration Information</b>	<b>Registration Changes</b>	
<b>Internet Registration</b>	<b>Preparation Materials</b>	
<b>Registration Status Checking</b>	<b>Unofficial Test Scores</b>	
<b>Please Note: Other Out of State Exams:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other examinations may be required in other states for certification. You can go to the Nazareth website: <a href="http://www@naz.edu/dept/education">www@naz.edu/dept/education</a> click on "Teacher Certification" go down the page to "United States Certification Sites". This will bring you to the website of each state. The Nazareth College Library also has printed publications on certification requirements by state. If you intend to leave New York State and apply for certification in another state, you may wish to investigate what tests that particular state requires. We encourage you to obtain your New York State Certification prior to leaving.</li> </ul>		
<b>HEALTH EDUCATION/CHILD ABUSE &amp; VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKSHOP</b>	<b>\$54</b>	<b>Payable to: Nazareth College</b>

<p align="center"><b>FINGERPRINTING FILE ON-LINE GO TO: <a href="http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach">http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach</a></b></p> <p><b>Fingerprinting processing can take 2-3 weeks, we suggest that you do fingerprinting the semester before you complete your degree</b></p>	<p><b>\$94.25</b></p>	<p><b>Money Order Payable to: New York State Education Department Or Pay by Credit Card</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students completing programs AFTER July 1, 2001 who will be applying for certification for the <u>first</u> time or for certification in a <u>new area</u> will need to be fingerprinted. Fingerprinting packets are available in the School of Education GAC 203. Fingerprinting information can be obtained at the website: <a href="http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra">www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra</a></li> <li>• Dates the Security Department is available to do fingerprinting will be in the packet of fingerprinting information. There is also a listing of other local agencies that offer this service in the fingerprinting packet. Please bring identification with you.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$5</b></p>	<p><b>Personal Check or Cash to: Nazareth College</b></p>
<p><b>ON-LINE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION “APPROVED COLLEGE PATHWAY”</b></p> <p><b>Information on the certification application process will be given during the last semester of your program OR contact Certification Office 389-2592</b></p>	<p><b>\$50</b></p> <p><b>Pay by Credit Card On-Line</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Send Postal Money Order Payable to: New York State Education Department with payment slip</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have been convicted of a felony, the State Education Department will review your documentation and determine whether or not to issue teacher certification. Please contact Dr. Craig Hill, Certification Officer for an appointment (389-2591). You will need to submit court documents, a letter of explanation, and you may need to submit letters of recommendation when you file for certification.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>The regulations mandate that you must hold a classroom certification in Early Childhood B-2, Childhood 1-6 or Adolescence Content Area 7-12 in order to obtain the “Students with Disabilities” Certification. You will not be eligible for the “Students with Disabilities” Certification if you are certified in Art; Business or Music</b></p>		
<p><b><u>Future New York State Certification Changes:</u></b></p> <p>Current detailed information on new requirements see the Office of Teaching Initiative Internet Site: <a href="http://www.nysed.gov/tcert/homepage.htm">www.nysed.gov/tcert/homepage.htm</a></p> <p><b>Please Note: Fees are subject to change per NES or NYSED</b></p> <p><b>8/3/2010</b></p>		