

REQUIRED NY STATE TESTS for INITIAL BIRTH-GRADE 6 CERTIFICATION

① Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST)

- Recommend taking at some point after Methods I
- Selected- and constructed-response questions involve analyzing and responding to complex literary & informational texts
- 3.5 hr. computer-based test, self-scheduled at a test center
- Fee: \$131

② Educating All Students (EAS) Test

- Recommend taking during Methods 3 (or after SPE350 Inclusive Classrooms). EDI399 Working with English Language Learners is a 1-credit course that can help you prepare for this exam
- Covers diverse student populations; English language learners; students with disabilities & special learning needs; teacher responsibilities; and school-home relationships
- 2.25 hr. computer-based test, self-scheduled at a test center
- Fee \$102

③ A Multi-Subject Content Specialty Test (CST) for Birth-Grade 2

③ B Multi-Subject Content Specialty Test (CST) for Grades 1-6

- Recommend taking at end of Methods 3 or during Student Teaching
- Three parts to each test; the third part is common to both tests
- All parts are computer-based, and self-scheduled at a test center
- Fee varies depending on how many parts of each test you take on the same day

④ edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment)

- Multiple-measure portfolio assessment which evaluates pre-service teachers' readiness to teach
- Will include videotaped lessons from Student Teaching semester
- Details and preparatory material on Blackboard (edTPA community)
- Fee approximately \$300

More information at www.nystce.nesinc.com

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