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

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

3B. **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

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