Certification Exams 101
An introduction to the New York State Certification Exams
Welcome

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- All participant lines are muted
- Questions can be submitted through the chat feature
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# Required Certification Exams

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Academic Literacy Skills Test
Test Description

- The ALST measures academic literacy skills necessary to teach effectively in New York State public schools.

- The test assesses skills in two areas:
  - Reading
  - Writing to Sources
Test Structure

- 210 minutes of testing time (3.5 hours)

- Reading section:
  - 40 selected response questions

- Writing to sources section:
  - 2 focused response
  - 1 extended response
Preparation Materials

- ALST Preparation Guide [here](#)
- ALST Test Design and Framework [here](#)
- ALST Practice Test (Fee $29.95) [here](#)
Educating All Students
Test Description

- The EAS test measures professional and pedagogical knowledge and skills necessary to teach all students effectively in New York State public schools.
  - Diverse Student Populations
  - English Language Learners
  - Students with Disabilities and Other Special Learning Needs
  - Teacher Responsibilities
  - School-Home Relationships
Test Structure

- 135 minutes of testing time
- 42 selected response items
- 3 constructed response items
  - Diverse Student Populations
  - English Language Learners
  - Students with Disabilities and Other Special Learning Needs
Study Materials

- EAS Preparation Guide here
- EAS Test Design and Framework here
- EAS Practice Test (Fee $29.95) here
Content Specialty Tests
Test Description

- CSTs measure knowledge and skills in the content area of the candidate's field of certification.

- For example:
  - English
  - Physical Education
  - French
  - Multi-subject: Childhood 1-6

* Note: CSTs are currently being revised and will be released from 2014-2016
Test Structure

- The CSTs (except those for languages other than English) consist of multiple-choice questions and a written assignment.

- The CSTs for languages other than English include recorded listening and/or speaking components and writing components.

- The American Sign Language CST includes video-recorded signing components.
Study Materials

- CST Preparation Guides [here](#)
- CST Test Frameworks [here](#)
- New CST Draft Frameworks [here](#)
edTPA
**Test Description**

- **edTPA™** is a teacher performance assessment developed by Stanford University.

- Candidates create an electronic portfolio based on a 3-5 lesson segment of instruction.
## Test Structure

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Candidates completing the Elementary Education also complete Task 4- Assessing Students’ Mathematics Learning

Academic Language and Analysis of Teaching are embedded throughout all of the tasks
Study Materials

- edTPA for candidates webpage [here](#)

- edTPA handbook


Registration

- edTPA
  - www.edtpa.com

- ALST, EAS, CST
  - http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/
# Exam Costs

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Computer Based Testing

- The new certification exams are only offered through computer based testing.

  - Computer based testing sites
    - www.pearsonvue.com/es/locate/

  - Computer based testing tutorial

  - Sample Practice Test
    - https://www.starttest.com/ITDVersions/5.0.0.0/ITDStart.aspx?SVC=9f571e8a-adc2-47bf-a5e9-4b37f1deeaaac
Thank you

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