To receive certification to teach within New York State, it’s necessary to pass the Educating All Students Examination (EAS). This examination consists of selected-response items and constructed-response items which share scenario-based stimulus material in order for a student to formulate a response. The competencies covered in the examination are Diverse Student Populations, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities/Other Special Learning Needs, Teacher Responsibilities and School-Home Relationships. The EAS measures a prospective teacher’s enhanced, collective knowledge in relation to individual students’ distinct circumstances. These circumstances present themselves in the forms of difficult family situations, culture and individual needs, socioeconomic circumstances, diverse family and/or nontraditional living situations. A strong understanding of each student’s situation promotes a sense of community in the classroom.

The EAS also explores knowledge of strategies for engaging in self-reflection to strengthen student interactions, of research or evidence-based strategies, working effectively with students in reference to all cultures, backgrounds, genders, sexual orientation, and living environments, and for those whom English is a second language. The test touches on giftedness instruction, fair classroom assessment practices, learning from culturally diverse perspectives, promoting a positive student experience, working collaboratively within the school and community-based environment, as well as creating and planning strategies for a safe, supportive and positive classroom environment, which encompasses all students – including those with special learning needs and English Language Learners. Our EAS review course will focus on the reading of general directions, sample test question review in each distinctive discipline, class discussion of test topics, best practice strategies, collaborative learning, correct response review, written response review, introduction to performance characteristics/score scale response tables, as well as test-taking techniques and time management essentials in a computerized testing environment.

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