Proposed Student Teaching Requirements



Current Field Experience Requirements

- The New York State field experience and student teaching requirements in have been in effect since January 2000.
- Field experience requirements:
 - All registered programs shall include at least 100 clock hours of field experiences related to coursework prior to student teaching or practica.
 - At least 15 of the 100 clock hours of field experience shall include a focus on understanding the needs of students with disabilities.

Current Student Teaching Requirements

- For student teaching, the program shall include:
 - at least two college-supervised student teaching experiences of at least 20 school days each; or
 - at least two college-supervised practica with individual students or groups of students of at least 20 school days each; or
 - at least one college-supervised student-teaching experience of at least 40 school days.

Clinical Practice Work Group

- At their January 2017 meeting, the Regents charged the Department with convening a work group to review the current requirements for student teaching based on the recommendation of the edTPA Task Force.
- The Department charged the Work Group to review both the field experiences and the student teaching requirements.
- The work group met eight times between June 2017 and March 2018.

Development of Proposed Student Teaching Requirements

- February and March 2018: The Clinical Practice Work Group collected feedback on their draft recommendations through a survey and regional meetings.
- May 2018: Members of the Work Group presented their final recommendations to the Board of Regents.
- December 2018: The Department presented proposed regulatory amendments related to field experiences and student teaching to the Board of Regents that were informed by the Work Group.
- **Present**: The student teaching proposed amendments are out for the 60-day public comment period.
- April 2019: It is anticipated that the student teaching proposed amendments will be presented to the Board of Regents for adoption at its April meeting.

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Proposed Changes: Student Teaching

Current Regulation	Proposed Regulation
At least two college-supervised student teaching experiences of at least 20 school days each; OR At least two college-supervised practica with individual students or groups of students of at least 20 school days each; OR At least one college-supervised student-teaching experience of at least 40 school days.	Student teaching experience of at least a full semester of at least 14 weeks/70 days, full-time, and in alignment with the daily schedule and annual calendar of the educational setting in which the placement is occurring. Candidates pursuing more than one certificate title may complete two placements of at least seven weeks or one placement of at least 14 weeks.
	Exempting certain experienced teachers from the 100 clock hour field experience and the full-semester student teaching requirements and requiring instead that they complete at least 50 clock hours of student teaching.

Implementation Timeline