

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on [the OHE website](#)

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School Counselor. The new Initial and Professional School Counselor certificates became available on February 2, 2023. Candidates also must have applied and qualified for the Provisional School Counselor certificate prior to that date. The Department has learned of candidates who completed a registered program leading to Provisional School Counselor certification prior to February 2, 2023, but did not submit a certificate application or did not receive an institutional recommendation for certification by this date. To hold these candidates harmless, the Department [proposed an emergency rule](#) to allow candidates who complete a New York State registered program leading to Provisional School Counselor certification to apply and qualify for this certificate prior to February 2, 2024, extending the deadline by one year.

At its April meeting, the Board of Regents approved this proposed emergency rule. As a result, the Provisional School Counselor certificate application through the “approved program” pathway is now available in the TEACH system and will be available until February 1, 2024. Institutions will therefore need to submit recommendations for Provisional School Counselor certification for program completers in TEACH by February 1, 2024.

TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Teacher Residency Program [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) now posted. Under the RFA, up to \$30 million in TRP funding will be made available to partially or fully fund master's degrees for teacher residents who are enrolled in a registered residency program. These residents must be graduate-level PK12 teacher candidates who will complete a residency within a NYS public school district or BOCES program. Funded program would involve the City University of New York (CUNY), State University of New York (SUNY), and/or NYS private colleges and universities partnering with public school districts/BOCES. [NYSDOL funding opportunities webpage](#) describes the purpose of the RFA and provides information about a workshop regarding the RFA on May 10 at 9:30. Workshop attendees are asked to submit questions to WOTD.Onestop@labor.ny.gov prior to the workshop, but no later than Friday, April 28, 2023. The deadline for submitting applications is June 30, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONTENT SPECIALTY TEST (CST) FIELD TEST TOP

Individuals who are currently enrolled in a New York State registered school counselor education program or who recently obtained NY School Counselor certification are eligible to [schedule a field test appointment](#) for the new School Counselor Content Specialty Test (CST) between May 2-30, 2023. The benefits of taking a field test include previewing actual test items, gaining valuable practice in computer-based testing, providing feedback that will inform future tests, and receiving a \$50 Amazon eGift card OR a \$100 test fee voucher for each field test form taken, which can be applied to future New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE) test fees. Individuals can take up to two test forms. Information about the new School Counselor CSTs is available on the [NYSTCE website](#).

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