

Hey there,

FUTURE TEACHER!

Chances are a teacher inspired you somewhere along the way, and now you want to be that unforgettable teacher for someone else. Amazing! Now let's talk about how to make it happen.

Trust the PROCESS

With a bachelor's in education and student teaching experience, you can start teaching. In New York, you'll need a master's within five years to keep going. You'll also have to pass certification exams and meet other state requirements.

B.S. in Education

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Take core courses like Education and Society and Educational Psychology
- Add content courses like Trends in PE and Recreation, Environmental Issues, or #teenlit
- Observe, assist, and eventually teach in real classrooms during student teaching

MANY ROUTES TO CAREERS IN Teaching

Colleges and universities have different pathways for future teachers. Here are some popular ones:

1 START WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE:

The following undergraduate majors are likely to include the prerequisites that lead to the graduate programs required for the field.

- ➔ **Bachelor's in Education:** These majors include the classes and student teaching you need for initial certification in New York. Sometimes, you'll also choose a concentration like English, history, or science. Examples:
 - B.S., Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)
 - B.S., Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
 - B.S., Adolescent Education (Grades 7-12)
 - B.S., Physical Education (Pre-K-Grade 12)
- ➔ **Bachelor's in another subject:** You can become a teacher with a degree in a different field, but you'll need to complete a graduate program in education first. There are several master's programs for students who have a non-education undergrad degree.

2 THEN LEVEL UP:

- ➔ **Master's in Education:** In New York, you have five years after initial certification to earn a master's. The program you choose will depend on your bachelor's degree, and your goals. There are a lot of degree types out there (MAT, M.S., M.S.Ed., and more). For most future teachers, the letters don't matter, and they all qualify you to teach. Examples:
 - MAT, Art Education
 - M.S.Ed., Literacy Specialist
 - M.S., School Health Education
 - M.S.Ed., Special Education
 - M.S., Sport Science: Coaching & Mental Performance
 - M.S., Childhood Education/Literacy Specialist
 - M.S., Childhood and Special Education
 - M.S., Special Education and Literacy Education



HOT TIP

Look for a college that exposes you to hands-on teaching experiences as early as your first year!

HOW DO YOU PREPARE in high school?

As you research education degrees, keep these tips in mind:

- ➔ If you're starting at a community college, choose an associate degree in education to stay on track for upper-level classes and student teaching. You can transfer to a bachelor's program with another associate degree, but it may take longer to finish.
- ➔ Look for colleges with undergraduate-to-graduate pathways for benefits like accelerated programs, assured acceptance to grad programs, course waivers, and more.
- ➔ Wherever you apply, look into resources like clubs, opportunities to serve as a peer mentor, and special centers or opportunities like Sage's Positive Education courses, which prepare you not just for planning lessons but for navigating students' social-emotional needs!

EVEN HOTTER TIP

Look for programs that let you earn more than one certification to boost your job options. At Russell Sage, you can earn a B.S. in Childhood Education/Early Childhood Education/Special Education that allows graduates to obtain New York State initial certification in three areas at once. This "triple certification" program is the only one of its kind in the Capital Region and is one of only a few in NYS to offer this combination at the undergraduate level. Or, you can get a bachelor's in Childhood and Early Childhood Education with a Middle School Extension, qualifying you to teach from birth to Grade 9.

CAREER opportunities

Planning to become a New York State-licensed teacher? Choosing a degree program in New York can help you meet state requirements.

Did you know? New York's average teacher salary is \$95,615, according to Teach NY.

FIND AN EDUCATION HUB IN NEW YORK'S CAPITAL REGION!



New York's Capital Region — home to Russell Sage College — offers urban, suburban, and rural school districts, as well as dozens of agencies that influence education policy for more than 19 million New Yorkers. It's a great location for student teaching experiences, jobs, and opportunities to connect with experienced educators, researchers, program directors, principals, and superintendents.

KEEP GROWING YOUR CAREER — BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ALL YOUR CAREER DECISIONS NOW:

Your early years in teaching will be about exploring what fits you best. If you stay in the classroom, extra certifications can open more doors. If you want to step into administrative or district positions, here are some common next steps:

- **School Building Leader Advanced Certificate (SBL):** Prepares you to be an assistant principal, principal, or instructional coach.
- **School District Leader Advanced Certificate (SDL):** Qualifies you for leadership at the district level.
- **School District Business Leader Advanced Certificate (SDBL):** Focuses on district finance and operations.
- **Educational Leadership Doctorate (Ed.D.):** Prepares you to become a superintendent or work in educational policy.



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