

Steps to Teacher Certification in New York

- **Take and pass the Praxis II tests required by the University of Delaware and the State of Delaware. Information on these testing requirements can be found at <http://www.udel.edu/teachered/current/praxis2.html> . Designate the University of Delaware and the State of Delaware as score recipients.**
- **Take and pass the tests required by the State of New York. Information on these testing requirements can be found at <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/> .**
- **Complete the following two workshops required by the State of New York.**
 - Child Abuse Identification Workshop**
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/ca.html>
 - School Violence and Prevention Workshop**
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/save.html>
- **Students seeking certification in Special Education will need to complete an additional workshop in Training in the Needs of Children with Autism**

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/autism.html>
- **Complete the fingerprinting process required by the State of New York**
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra/index.html>
- **Apply for certification in the State of Delaware**
To become certified in New York, you must submit a copy of your Delaware license and certificate issued by the State of Delaware. You apply online for your Delaware certificate at https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/deeds_reset_pwd.aspx.
- **Apply for certification in the State of New York.**
You must apply through the reciprocity pathway and completion of an “approved teacher education program.
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/>
- **Upon completion of your degree submit copies of your official transcripts to the Delaware Department of Education and the New York Department of Education.**

You can request copies of your official transcript online at <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/transcpt.html>. When you request copies of your transcript, check the box “hold for posting of degree”.

Middle School Science Certification

The State of New York does not issue a middle school science certificate. Students completing the elementary education and middle school science program will need to apply for certification in elementary education and in one of the following science fields: biology, earth science, chemistry or physics. Certification in one of these science fields requires 30 credits in that area. Students in the middle school science program graduate with at least 10 credits in biology and could have 13 credits in biology if they took a biology course for their free elective. Students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits in one of the science fields and pass the NY content test in that field are eligible for the NY “conversion program” for certification. This conversion program enables students to teach while they complete the additional 18 credits in the science field to receive full certification in that area.