



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

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the 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](#).

GUIDANCE FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Office of Higher Education has been engaging with various stakeholders to learn how COVID-19 is impacting educator preparation programs, the ways in which they are responding to it, and their ideas for addressing program and certification issues related to COVID-19. In response, the following guidance has been developed and posted online.

Future guidance related to program requirements will be posted on the [Office of College and University Evaluation website](#) and certification requirements will be posted on the [Office of Teaching Initiatives website](#).

We appreciate all of the efforts of faculty, candidates, and involved stakeholders during this extraordinary time, and we remain committed to offering any support and clarification as we navigate through these challenging issues and circumstances.

CERTIFICATION TEST CENTERS CLOSED

U.S.- and Canada-based Pearson VUE-owned test centers are currently closed until April 16, 2020. The [NYSTCE website](#) will be continually updated with information regarding the status of the test centers and test appointments as the COVID-19 public health emergency evolves.

Clinical Experiences and Certification Exams. The [guidance for registered educator preparation programs](#) leading to teacher, educational leadership, school counselor, and school psychology certification provides information related to clinical experiences as well as the edTPA and other certification exams. The guidance includes a Frequently Asked Question section that will be updated with new information.

DASA Training. All approved DASA training providers, and institutions of higher education that include the DASA training in their educator preparation program curricula, have [approval to offer the DASA training entirely online](#) during the time period of the state of emergency declared by the Governor for the COVID-19 crisis.

Guidance for Colleges and Universities. The [NYSED Coronavirus Guidance for Colleges and Universities](#) includes information on State and federal advisories and protocol, NYSED regulatory and programmatic guidance, and agency contact information.

GRADUATION MEASURES REGIONAL MEETINGS

The [regional meetings](#) designed to collect feedback on the State's high school graduation measures have been postponed and will be rescheduled. The [online survey](#) provides an opportunity to give feedback and contains five guiding questions related to graduation measures. Information about the review of high school graduation measures is available on the [Graduation Measures website](#).

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