

# Teaching Assistant

Degree Awarded: Certificate

*Meeting only the educational requirements for NYSED Teaching Assistant Certification. See the NYSED website for the requirements for NYS Teaching Assistant Certification.*

## Recommended Course Sequence

Program Requirements	Credits
ENG 101 Freshman English 1	3
PSY 101 General Psychology 1	3
PSY 221 Child Psychology	3
EDU 103 Intro to Early Childhood/ Childhood Education++	3
COM 101 Foundations of Communication	3
EDU 107 Mandated Trainings	1
_____ Restricted Elective	3
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Total: 25

### Restricted Elective Options

This program has been developed to include options matching the New York State Teaching Certifications.

#### Option 1: For students who do not wish to follow a particular grade range.

_____	SUNY General Education course*	3
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#### Option 2: Birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades (Choose 3)

EDU 201	Observation and Assessment++	3
MAT 111	Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics	3
GEO 101	Elements of Physical Geography	3
HIS ____	SUNY GenEd (Category 4, 5, or 6)	3

#### Option 3: 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grades (Choose 3)

GEO 101	Elements of Physical Geography	3
MAT 111	Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics	3
_____	SUNY General Ed. Course*	3
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#### Option 4: 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

EDU 103	Omit	
PSY 222	Psychology of Adolescence (Replaces PSY 221)	3
GEO 101	Elements of Physical Geography	3
_____	SUNY General Education course*	3
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++Local daytime observations beyond college classroom are required. Students will be placed according to their employment/school needs.

\* Each elective must be chosen from the following SUNY General Education categories: Mathematics (GE1), Natural Sciences (GE2), American History (GE4), Western Civilization (GE5), Other World Civilizations (GE6), Humanities (GE7), Arts (GE8), or Foreign Languages (GE9), with at least ONE from either Category 4, 5, or 6. Do not take more than one elective from the same category.

## Certification Requirements

### New York State Requirements

- See New York State Education Department website for the requirements for NYS Teaching Assistant Certification.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- exhibit critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- acquire a broad base knowledge in at least one area of liberal arts and sciences, and at least three SUNY General Education topics.
- understand the fundamentals of child development theories and their classroom applications.
- demonstrate relevant, creative, developmentally appropriate teaching techniques.
- communicate effectively in oral and written forms.

## Career Opportunities

Entry-level teaching assistant or paraprofessional in:

- birth to second grade
- first to sixth grade
- seventh to twelfth grade

## Transfer Opportunities

All of the courses in the Teaching Assistant Certificate are applicable toward an Associate in Arts and Associate in Sciences degree AND the Jointly Registered Teacher Education Program.

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