CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS: General Areas (Foreign Language, Social Studies, English, Math and TESOL)

1. You must file for graduation in a timely fashion. You may file for graduation on SOLAR. 
   **Please note that filing for graduation and filing for certification are two independent processes; you are required to do both. Please visit: [http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/current/graduation.html](http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/current/graduation.html) for information about graduation.**

2. Complete the Official Release Form and Required Information Sheet found at the end of this packet. Please mail or drop off this form, along with a $90.00 check or money order made payable to Stony Brook University, IFR 900085 to:

   Teacher Certification Office  
   SBS N–221, Stony Brook University  
   Stony Brook, NY11794-4310 *Include last 4 digits of zip code

3. Print out an unofficial transcript which is available on the SOLAR system [www.stonybrook.edu/solarsystem]. You may apply for your certification before you graduate. However, in order for you to be recommended for certification, your Stony Brook transcript must have your degree posted. You may log onto the SOLAR System at anytime to verify your degree has been posted onto your unofficial transcript and you may log on to TEACH to check if your recommendation has been received by NYSED.

4. You must access the TEACH online system to apply for license(s). Follow the instructions outlined in this packet. Please be certain to read the packet thoroughly. We cannot assist you in correcting any errors.

5. Candidates for all certifications must prove that they have satisfied the Child Abuse Education, Substance Abuse, the Identification and Prevention of School Violence and DASA requirement. Students who take these courses outside of Stony Brook must provide proof that these courses were completed. This proof is usually in the form of a statement issued upon completion of an approved course in the above topics. Maintain originals or photocopies for your own records as well.

6. You must be fingerprinted before any application for certification will be processed by NYSED. If you have worked in another jurisdiction where fingerprints were required, you can complete an OSPRA 104 form and forward it to that jurisdiction requesting that your fingerprints be transmitted to NYSED. The link for this form is: [http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra/form.htm](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra/form.htm).

7. Test scores on the EAS, ALST, edTPA and CST as well as Fingerprints will be sent directly to NYSED by the Testing Agency and the Division of Criminal Justice Services for purposes of Initial Teacher Certification. There is no need to include these with your application.

8. After your degree is posted on your transcript, thus indicating you have completed “registered and approved” program and the required seminars are received and in order, the Teacher Certification Office will enter a recommendation on your behalf to NYSED through the TEACH System. The State Education Department in Albany will pair this recommendation with your online application and all other supporting documentation that is required for issuance of that certification and the resulting license. You must follow up on the status of your application through the TEACH web site.

9. If you are also applying for a license through the ‘Individual Evaluation Pathway’, (e.g. An MAT Italian student applying for an additional certificate in Spanish- See Step 25) you must submit any and all supporting documentation to NYSED at the address posted on the TEACH website. This documentation must include all transcripts relevant to the license for which you are applying.

10. Those students receiving a Master of Arts in TESOL or a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree must retain this packet for future use. Your Program Code will be required when you file for your Professional License as well.

NOTE: Paper Certificates will no longer be printed for the Initial certificate. Access to your certificate will be through the TEACH web site only.
To file for your Initial Certificate in English, TESOL, Mathematics or any of the Foreign Languages with a Middle Child Grades 5-6 extension (if applicable) and/or a certification outside of your subject area, please follow the steps below. Students not filing for the Middle Child Grades 5-6 Extension and/or the additional certificate in a subject area outside of their major may simply omit those steps from the application process. The examples provided in the screen shots are based on a general MAT Italian application with a 5-6 extension and an additional certificate outside of the MAT area in Spanish. Your application, credits, and degree may be different, so please monitor your transcript carefully when filling out this information.

1. Log into SOLAR and Print out an unofficial transcript. Keep this on hand, it will be helpful throughout the application process.

2. Go to the following Web site: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach/index.html Click on “Login to TEACH” on the right if you already have a TEACH Online account. If you do not remember your password, visit this web page to retrieve it: https://portals.nysed.gov/tcert/main.htm. If that doesn’t work, please call (518) 486-6041. DO NOT CREATE A DUPLICATE ACCOUNT. Click on “Self Registration” (on the right) if you do not already have a TEACH Online account and follow the instructions for setting up a TEACH Online account.

3. After you enter your username and password (and are logged in), click on the “Teach Online Services” link (blue panel).

4. Click on “Apply for Certificate”.

5. Click on “Next” on the lower right (grey panel).

6. Click on “Edit Education Info” (grey panel near right-center of Web page).

7. On the very top of the screen, you will see the below statement:

   **Approved New York Teacher Certification Programs:** Select this radio button if you completed a program at a New York State institution of higher education that leads to a recommendation for a teaching certificate. Contact the certification office at your college/university for a Student Application Information Sheet containing the necessary information regarding award title (degree awarded), program code and title, and major field of study to complete this portion of the application.

*Please note: This packet substitutes for the Student Application Information Sheet.*

Make sure the dot to the left of this statement is checked off when you enter the program information for the Program that you are currently finishing at Stony Brook University.

8. On the pull-down menus select the following:
   a. Under “Institution” select “Stony Brook University”;  
   b. Under “Award Title” select “Master of Arts in Teaching, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science”; (Combined Degree students are reminded to choose the MAT as their award)  
   c. Under “Program” select “Your program **BASED on the Appendix on the following pages**”; write this number down, you will need it again later.  
   d. Under “Major” select “The specific major of your program (Italian, English, History).”  
   e. Under “Date Degree Received” type in the graduation date for the term you are currently enrolled in  
   i. *(To see what the graduation date is, on a separate web-browser go to www.stonybrook.edu/spd and click on the academic calendar for the current term on the right side of the web-page. The graduation date would be the date of the graduation ceremony).*  
   f. Under “Attended From” type in the month, day, and year you started your program at Stony Brook.
g. Under “Attended To” type in the date you will be graduating from your program.
h. Under “Number of Credits” type the number of credits you have for the program you are graduating from. Check the unofficial transcript you printed out for details.

It should look like this:

9. Click on the “Add” (gray) button on the right. You will see your current Stony Brook Program listed at the bottom of the web-page. It will look similar to the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>College/University</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Award Title/Degree</th>
<th>Major</th>
<th>From</th>
<th>To</th>
<th>Date Degree Received</th>
<th>Cr. Rcvd</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SUNY STONY BROOK</td>
<td>NY</td>
<td>MAT</td>
<td>Italian</td>
<td>09/01/2007</td>
<td>12/21/2009</td>
<td>12/21/2009</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

10. When finished entering any and all other college/university programs and coursework, click on “Done” (gray button) on the lower right of the web-page. (Make sure the MAT program is selected as seen above.)
11. Click on the “Next” button on the lower right.
12. This will take you to the TEACH HOME page again. Under the heading Online Application, click the Apply for Certificate link. Read each web page and check for accuracy. If the information entered is accurate you may click next until you reach the application page.
13. On this web-page, you can apply for both your major and extension certifications.
You will need to add each one by making the appropriate selections from the pull-down menus.
14. To add your certification in your major area, select the following from the pull-down menus:
   a. “Area of Interest” select “Classroom Teacher”; Foreign Language candidates must select Classroom Teacher-Foreign Languages.
   b. “Subject Area” select “Your Major”;
   c. “Grade Level” select “Adolescent -Grades 7-12”;
   d. “Title” select “(Your Subject Major) 7-12”; (English students must use English Language Arts and History/Political Science Students must use Social Studies.)
   e. “Type of Certificate” select “Initial.” (see below)

15. Click on “Add” on the right (grey button).
16. You will be taken to a new page that asks for your program code, enter your program code that you have written down from earlier, or as listed in Appendix A on page 2, and click submit.
(see next page for example)
17. This will take you to a new page; select the program that is shown.

18. Click on “Next” on the lower right.
19. This will take you back to the application page; you should now see your Certificate listed on the web-page.

20. For those students who have taken CEE 601 Early Adolescent Development and CEE 602 Middle Child Education you may apply for your Grades 5-6 certificate extension with steps A-F below. Other students may skip to step 28.
   a. Next to “Area of Interest” select “Classroom Teacher Extensions”; (Foreign Language candidates must select Classroom Teacher-Foreign Language Extensions)
   b. “Subject Area” select “your subject area, in this example it is Italian”
   c. “Grade Level” select “Grades 5-6”;
   d. “Title” select “Italian 5-6 Extension”;
   e. “Type of Certificate” select “Initial Extension Annotation.”
   f. Click Add; then click Next.

(See next page for example)
21. You will be asked to enter the same program code again, please repeat steps 16-18 and click next.
22. You will be taken back to the certificate page. Verify that your certificate information is entered correctly and, if you are applying for an additional certificate outside of your MAT area, continue to the next step. Otherwise, if finished applying click next and continue to step # 28.
23. Select your additional certificate area, in this example an MAT Italian student is applying for an additional certificate in Spanish, enter the information for your needs, then select Add:

24. You will then be directed to the following familiar page. However DO NOT ENTER YOUR PROGRAM CODE HERE as you have done in the past. Remember, your program code is for your primary certificate only. Instead, select the ‘NO’ box and select next:
25. On the next page, select the ‘No, I do not want to apply through the interstate reciprocity pathway’ button and then select next.

26. On the next page select the Pathway: Individual Evaluation Option and select next:
27. Verify that your information is correct and select next on the bottom of the page:

28. You will be asked to have your application evaluated by the State Education Department or, in some cases BOCES. Choose the State Education Department and click Next.
29. Continue on to the Sign Affidavit page; and then to the Confirm and Sign Application Page where you will see the **ALL** of the certificates you have applied for and the total cost of your application.

![Screen capture of the Sign Affidavit and Confirm and Sign Application process](image)

30. Click Sign Application and continue with payment instructions as prompted by the TEACH site. Print out a copy of all receipts and maintain for your records.

Please remember to submit any information the NYSED asks you for to:

New York State Department of Education  
Office of Teaching Initiatives  
5N EB, 89 Washington Ave  
Albany, NY 12234

Please include your Social Security Number on any correspondence or documents that you send to NYSED. This will help with the processing of your application.

Phone : (518) 474-3901  
Relay Center Number for Deaf in New York State (800) 421-1220 (TTY)  
Nationwide AT&T Relay Operator for Deaf (800) 855-2880 (TTY)

Overview of the TEACH Review Process

You must apply for graduation if you are in your final semester. This can be done via the SOLAR System.

Your SPD file is audited for all certification requirements. (Transcripts, credits, etc.)

If you are in good standing, you will receive an instruction packet on how to apply for certification and you must apply via the TEACH online system.

If you are missing any items, you are notified via email. You should also receive the same notification in your Student Teaching seminar class. You must contact SPD to ensure that these items are received.

You must send in the last two pages of the instruction packet along with a $90.00 fee if you would like Stony Brook to issue a recommendation on your behalf.

ONLY once your degree has posted to your transcript (you may check this on SOLAR) and the required paperwork is in order will Stony Brook issue a recommendation to NYSED. This recommendation will include the completion of the Child Abuse, School Violence, Child Abuse and DASA requirements if you completed them at Stony Brook or if you completed them elsewhere and submitted the required forms.

The recommendation will immediately reflect on your TEACH online account.

NYSED Review
A manual NYSED will occur once everything is in order. A status labeled ‘Ready for Review’ should reflect on the TEACH online system if all is in order. If it does not, you must determine what piece is missing by viewing your TEACH account and forward all required information (including payment for the processing of each license) to NYSED.

Test Scores (CST, EAS, ALST, edTPA, etc.) are directly reported to NYSED.

Fingerprint results are directly reported to NYSED.

Approvals and Denials
A certificate number for approved applications is assigned via the TEACH system. Additional information requests and/or denials are communicated from NYSED to you via the TEACH system. You are encouraged to monitor this web site throughout your career.
APPENDIX A
Award Title and Program Title/Code

These codes are for students completing the Initial/Professional adolescence (grades 7-12) program in English, Languages other than English (French, German, Italian, Russian, or Spanish), Math, Social Studies, or initial/professional (Pre-K – 12) TESOL.

For students completing initial/professional programs, use the below information as relevant to your certification area; if you are applying for more than one certificate, including extensions, as applicable to the program in which you are enrolled and are completing, use the same award and program information for each certificate.

English

AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26317
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: ENGLISH, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 26318
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: ENGLISH, INIT/PROF

English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26319
PROGRAM TITLE: LINGUISTICS, INIT

AWARD: MA
PROGRAM CODE: 26320
PROGRAM TITLE: TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANG, INIT/PROF

Foreign Languages:

Chinese

AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 33975
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: CHINESE, INITIAL

French

AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26322
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: FRENCH, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 30674 (Combined BA/MAT program only)
PROGRAM TITLE: FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, INIT/PROF

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 26323
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: FRENCH, INIT/PROF

German

AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26324
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: GERMAN, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 26325
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: GERMAN, INIT/PROF

Italian

AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26326
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: ITALIAN, INITIAL
Italian (cont.)
AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 30676 (Combined BA/MAT program only)
PROGRAM TITLE: ITALIAN STUDIES: ITALIAN, INIT/PROF

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 26327
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: ITALIAN, INIT/PROF

Japanese
AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 33974
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: JAPANESE, INITIAL

Russian
AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26328
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: RUSSIAN, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 26329
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: RUSSIAN, INIT/PROF

Spanish
AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26330
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: SPANISH, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 30679 (Combined BA/MAT program only)
PROGRAM TITLE: SPANISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 29539
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: SPANISH, INIT/PROF

Mathematics
AWARD: BS
PROGRAM CODE: 26321
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 31643 (Combined BS/MAT Program only)
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE ED: MATHEMATICS, INIT/PROF

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 28197
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS, INIT/PROF

Social Studies
AWARD: BA
PROGRAM CODE: 26342
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: SOCIAL STUDIES, INITIAL

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 30675 (Combined BA/MAT program only)
PROGRAM TITLE: HISTORY, INIT/PROF

AWARD: MAT
PROGRAM CODE: 26343
PROGRAM TITLE: ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: SOCIAL STUDIES, INIT/PROF
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA" or the Buckley Amendment) is a federal law that affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. One part of FERPA focuses on confidentiality of education records. School officials (e.g., instructors, administrative and department staff, field placement coordinators and supervisors, and other full-time and part-time university employees) must protect the privacy of education records and shall not disclose personally identifiable information about a student or permit inspection of the student’s records without his or her written consent. As such, this signed consent form will include any/all of the items described below:

(1) Records to be released
Course registration and grades; transcript information, test scores, field experience placements; general assessment of performance of student in a course or in a field-based experience; workshop participation for Identification of Child Abuse, Identification of Substance Abuse, School Violence Prevention Training or Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) and any other records deemed necessary for this recommendation.

(2) To whom the records should be released
NYSED Office of Teaching Initiatives

(3) The reason for the release
To authorize the University to disclose/release information to a third party as part of an application for certification

Please note: Candidates are free to refuse consent. However, the teacher certification application will then have to be processed through “Individual Transcript Evaluation” which will still require the candidate’s social security number and date of birth. Applying without the University’s recommendation will require an additional processing fee, individual transcript review, may take additional time for processing and possibly might not meet minimum licensing standards for “alternate route” filers. Stony Brook cannot advocate on your behalf when you choose this method and all correspondence will be with NYSED and the student directly.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE/STUDENT (complete all information, sign and date the form and deliver it to the Teacher Certification Office, Stony Brook University, SBS, N-221, Stony Brook, NY 11794-4310):

Name of Student ________________________________ SSN ________________________________
Date of Birth ________________________________ SOLAR ID ________________________________
E-mail Address ________________________________
Mailing Address ________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________ Phone ________________________________

I AUTHORIZE the TEACHER CERTIFICATION OFFICE at STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY, to disclose my social security number, date of birth, academic transcript, and any other information pertaining specifically to the teacher certification requirements in New York State to the OFFICE OF TEACHING INITIATIVES of the NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT for the purpose of endorsing my application for certification in New York State. This authorization will expire five (5) years from the date below.

I am willing that a photocopy or fax copy of this form be accepted with the same authority as the original.

__________________________________________ _______________ ____________________
Candidate’s Signature Date

(over)
Verification of Intent to Apply for an Initial Teacher Certificate

I, _______________________________________ (Last, First Middle), intend to apply for an initial teacher certificate in the following certification area(s). Check all that apply through your SBU “registered and approved” program (all other applications must be vetted via “alternate route”—individual transcript evaluation) filing directly to NYSED. Complete both sides of this form and forward it to the Teacher Certification Office, N-221, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York 11794-4310 accompanied by a Check or Money Order in the amount of $90.00 made payable to: Stony Brook University- IFR 900085. Please include your Solar ID number on your Check or Money Order.

Please check Stony Brook pathway:

_____ Bachelor’s degree  _____ Combined Bachelor’s/MAT  _____ Master of Arts or MAT Degree

Expected Date of Graduation: ________________________

Please check content area below for which you have completed Stony Brook’s Registered & Approved Program and NOT other licenses you are seeking via alternate route transcript review.

_____ English, 7-12  Foreign Languages:  _____ Chinese, 7-12
_____ T. E.S.O.L., preK-12  _____ French, 7-12  _____ Japanese, 7-12
_____ Mathematics, 7-12  _____ German, 7-12  _____ Korean, 7-12
_____ Social Studies, 7-12  _____ Italian, 7-12

Extensions:
_____ Russian, 7-12  _____ Spanish, 7-12  _____ Middle Child Grades 5-6

Transcripts
List all colleges attended on file with Stony Brook

I attest that my Foreign Language Requirement has been completed.  YES  NO
(Circle one)

I attest that all requirements below have been completed. Please list where you have completed each of your required Seminars. If you did not complete a seminar at Stony Brook, please provide the certificate of completion you received from the agency. If left blank, we will presume that you have not completed your seminars and your recommendation will be denied until proof of completion is received.

Workshops ______ Child Abuse  ______ Substance Abuse  ______ School Violence  ______ DASA

Examinations  ____ALST (Academic Literacy Skills Test)  ____ EAS (Educating All Students)  ____ CST  ____ edTPA

Fingerprinting  ______ YES  ______ NO

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