

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

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Buffalo State College maintains a Teacher Certification Office that serves as a resource for Buffalo State College students, faculty, staff, and administration and the community on all topics relating to New York State teacher certification.

Upon completion of an approved educator preparation program at Buffalo State College, students are eligible to receive a college recommendation for New York State teacher certification. Candidates must complete a Release Authorization Form, which allows the Buffalo State Teacher Certification Office to use the candidate's Social Security number to provide the college recommendation to the New York State Education Department. The form is available on the [Teacher Certification Office website](#).

Candidates who are recommended for NYS teacher certification must complete any additional items required by the New York State Education Department at the time that the candidate applies for New York State teacher certification. These may include but are not limited to the following: fingerprint clearance through the NYS Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability, successful completion of the appropriate New York State Teacher Certification Examinations, and completion of workshop requirements. The requirements for New York State teacher certification are subject to change at any time and without notice.

The Teacher Certification Office also verifies completion of Buffalo State's New York State approved educator preparation programs for graduates who apply for certification in other states.

Additional information regarding the requirements and process for New York State Teacher Certification may be found on the [Teacher Certification Office website](#).