

Ed Prep NYC

A VILLAGE PATHWAY PROGRAM



Ed Prep NYC Program Guide

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Introduction to Ed Prep NYC

What is Ed Prep NYC?

Ed Prep NYC is an alternative teacher preparation program exclusively for NYCPS school-based staff. Participants attend a subsidized master's program in specific subject areas while getting real classroom experience.



Benefits:

- Subsidized master's with one of our college partners.
- Full-time teacher's salary of \$68,902+.
- Teach full-time while completing university coursework.
- Benefits including a NYC pension plan.
- Mentorship from Ed Prep Mentors.

Ed Prep NYC Eligibility

Current Status:

- You must currently be employed as an uncertified, school-based staff in the New York City Public Schools (NYCPS). **Staff working in NYC charter schools are not eligible.**

Educational Requirement:

- You must hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than education. **Degrees in education at any level (including bachelor's, master's, or higher) are not eligible.**
- You may be permitted to transfer up to 12 credits from another college or university, subject to the receiving college's discretion.

GPA Requirement:

- You must have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.

Ed Prep NYC Elements

We provide program participants with a supportive framework to help them grow as educators:

Learning Series:

Topics include how to write an IEP, designing coherent instruction, culturally responsive education, social emotional learning and restorative justice.

Mentorship:

Building and teacher leaders provide support and guidance utilizing the Danielson Framework as an evaluation tool.

Certification Exam Prep:

NYSTCE test prep sessions and the potential for financial assistance.

Job Search Coaching:

Resume assistance, application support, demo-lesson coaching, and interview preparation are provided to help you successfully navigate the hiring process.

Ed Prep NYC Timeline



Application Steps



1

EXPRESS INTEREST

If you are interested, fill out our [interest form](#) and we will connect once our application opens.

2

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your Ed Prep NYC application.

3

RECEIVE COMMITMENT LETTER

If admitted to the program, we'll email you the commitment letter to sign and accept your spot.

4

APPLY TO COLLEGE PROGRAM

We'll send your contact information to your college, and they will send you their application.

5

ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE PROGRAM

If accepted to your college program, you are formally enrolled in Ed Prep NYC.

EXPRESS INTEREST TODAY

[Ed Prep Interest Form](#)

University Partners

Ed Prep NYC partners with multiple higher education institutions, offering applicants a variety of program options:



Brooklyn College

- **Online** – Childhood Education 1–6 + Bilingual Certification
- **Online** – Special Education All Grades



The City College
of New York

City College:

- **Hybrid** – Students With Disabilities All Grades



Hunter College

- **Hybrid** – Childhood Education 1–6 + Bilingual Certification
- **Hybrid** – Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) All Grades
- **Hybrid** – Students with Disabilities All Grades



College of Staten Island

- **Hybrid** – Special Education All Grades
- **Online** – Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) All Grades



Relay

- **Online** – Students with Disabilities All Grades

University Expectations

Application Requirements

Participants must submit all required admissions materials, including immunization records, and official transcripts to their graduate program of choice.



Commitment to Universities

- Be a present and active student at your university and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Enroll, register, and pass all required courses of your selected program of study, and graduate.
- Complete the number of credits your university requires per semester to maintain good academic standing.
- Communicate in a timely fashion with your university faculty advisor about any change in your program status, such as a leave of absence or a withdrawal.
- Personally pay to retake any failed or incomplete coursework.

Ed Prep NYC Expectations

Commitment Letter

The commitment letter for the Ed Prep NYC Program serves as a formal agreement outlining the expectations and responsibilities of participants as they embark on their journey to becoming NYC Public Schools educators.



Some of the expectations outlined are below:



COMPLETING ALL NECESSARY NY STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NYSED) WORKSHOPS AND PASSING RELEVANT CERTIFICATION EXAMS.



OBTAINING THE TRANSITIONAL B CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE SPECIFIED DEADLINES.



OBTAINING A FULL-TIME TEACHING JOB BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Financial Commitment

What is the expected out of pocket expense for someone with a Bachelor's degree?

- Ed Prep NYC will cover tuition and fees for the first 28 credits toward accepted applicants' master's degrees.
- Each participant will be responsible for the remaining balance of approximately \$6,000 to complete the program.
- No loans are required—once participants secure a full-time certified teaching position with NYC Public Schools, the \$6,000 balance will be repaid through payroll deductions.

How many semesters of school are required?

- Graduate coursework spans two academic years. If a participant leaves the program before completing this two-year commitment, they will be responsible for the cost of all coursework taken up to their departure date.
- Participants who need to take a leave of absence should contact their university partner directly to learn more about that institution's leave of absence policy.

Do I have to pay for my certification exams?

There may be an opportunity for reimbursement or stipends, depending on budget availability. However, all associated costs are your responsibility.

What happens to my health care coverage?

Once your designation changes, you will have access to teacher benefits which include choosing to remain in your current plan or a new plan.

What is the total cost of automatic payroll deductions?

These costs will be deducted from bi-weekly DOE paychecks in 44 equal installments (\$~136/paycheck).

Transitional B Certification

Following successful completion of the first set of coursework, **you are required to take the mandatory NYSED exams and workshops** to acquire your Transitional B Certification.

Transitional B Certificate	
Description	The Transitional B certificate is issued to eligible candidates who are enrolled in a NYS Transitional B program to teach in a school district for which a commitment for employment and mentoring has been made.
Validity	The Transitional B certificate is valid for up to three years from its effective date, except that a Transitional B certificate in a title that has a bilingual education extension may be reissued for one additional year, if the candidate qualifies for a Initial certificate in such title. When the student completes or leaves the program, the certificate is no longer valid. The Transitional B certificate authorizes a candidate to teach only in a school district for which a commitment for employment and mentoring has been made.
Leads to	The Transitional B certificate leads to the Initial certificate. The Initial certificate will be issued with the effective date of the Transitional B certificate.
Paper Certificate Printed?	No. Transitional B certification is verified in the TEACH system.

Transitional B Certification

CUNY Brooklyn College

CHILDHOOD 1–6 BILINGUAL CERTIFICATION (ONLINE/REMOTE)

Degree Title	MSED Childhood 1-6 Bilingual Certification
Title of NY State Certificate	Childhood Education with an Extension in Bilingual Education
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

SPECIAL EDUCATION ALL GRADES (ONLINE/REMOTE)

Degree Title	MSED Special Education All Grades
Title of NY State Certificate	Students with Disabilities All Grades, Pre-K – 12
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

Transitional B Certification

CUNY Hunter College

TESOL (HYBRID)

Degree Title	MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (Grades PreK-12)
Title of NY State Certificate	Childhood Education with an Extension in Bilingual Education
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

CHILDHOOD 1-6 BILINGUAL CERTIFICATION (HYBRID)

Degree Title	MSED Childhood 1-6 Bilingual Certification
Title of NY State Certificate	English to Speakers of Other Languages (PreK-12)
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Content Specialty Test: Any Classroom Teaching Subject

SPECIAL EDUCATION ALL GRADES (HYBRID)

Degree Title	MSED Special Education All Grades
Title of NY State Certificate	Students with Disabilities All Grades, Pre-K - 12
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

Transitional B Certification

CUNY College of Staten Island

SPECIAL EDUCATION ALL GRADES (HYBRID)

Degree Title	MSED Special Education All Grades
Title of NY State Certificate	Students with Disabilities All Grades, Pre-K – 12
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

TESOL (ONLINE/REMOTE)

Degree Title	MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (Grades PreK-12)
Title of NY State Certificate	English to Speakers of Other Languages (PreK-12)
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

Transitional B Certification

CUNY City College

CUNY CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ALL GRADES (HYBRID)

Degree Title	MSED Special Education All Grades
Title of NY State Certificate	Students with Disabilities All Grades, Pre-K – 12
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

Transitional B Certification Relay

RELAY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ALL GRADES (ONLINE)

Degree Title	MSED Special Education All Grades
Title of NY State Certificate	Students with Disabilities All Grades, Pre-K – 12
NYSTCE Certification Exams Required for Transitional B	• Educating All Students (EAS 201) • Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grade 1-6) (221/222/245)

Contact Information

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