New York State is widely recognized for its excellent teaching force — ranking among the nation’s top 10 for “teaching attractiveness” when it comes to working conditions, compensation, staff turnover, and qualifications. This chart shows NY’s traditional route to licensure, where the prospective educator first earns a bachelor’s degree in teacher education.

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*Certification exams include:
• Educating All Students exam (EAS) • Content Specialty Test (CST) • Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)*