



Supplementary Certification Pathway

Fact Sheet

Pathway for Content Area Teachers to Obtain Supplementary Certification in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Under Commissioner's Regulation Part 154, ESOL teachers play a more important role in the schools in order to support ELLs. They will work with content area teachers to ensure instruction meets the needs of ELLs and that ELLs are accessing the core curriculum with appropriate scaffolds.

A certified content area teacher may obtain a supplementary ESOL certificate to work as an ESOL teacher in a district where a shortage exists because appropriately certified teachers cannot be found after a search has been conducted.

A candidate who has:

- a valid New York State teaching certificate
- twelve semester hours of college coursework
 - Teaching Literacy Skills Methods (3 semester hours)
 - Teaching Literacy Skills (3 semester hours)
 - Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (6 semester hours)
- passed the ESOL content area test

may apply for a supplementary ESOL certificate. This supplementary certificate is valid for three years.

The candidate must be enrolled in study at an institution of higher education (IHE) leading to an initial or professional certificate in the title sought and complete all requirements for the initial or professional certificate within the life of the supplementary certificate. The supplementary certificate cannot be renewed or be applied for again.

The candidate must have a commitment of employment in the area of the supplementary certificate from the superintendent of the employing school district. The superintendent will attest to the Department that the candidate will be enrolled in an IHE, that there is a demonstrated shortage in the certificate area and ensure that there will be appropriate support

for the candidate in this position. Such support must include verified mentoring and coaching by a certified teacher in the content area, as well as assistance with curriculum and planning and appropriate professional development.

The supplementary certificate is available is all classroom teaching titles however there are different requirements for different certificates. For these requirements, please see <http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do> for the exact requirements.