March 30, 2020

Guidance for Spring 2020 Student Teachers

Dear Brooklyn College Student:

Thank you for your patience and extra work during this time. We are here to support you and answer your questions.

The NY State Dept. of Education released the following information on certification tests and student teaching. The information was posted on March 30, 2020 at:

and

NEW INFORMATION: If you are currently enrolled in student teaching in any Brooklyn College teacher preparation program in the spring of 2020:

1. You will have the option to pass the ATS-W or edTPA to fulfill the teacher performance assessment requirement for teacher certification.

2. If the Pearson testing centers remain closed beyond May 1, 2020, you will be exempt from taking the certification exams (e.g., Educating All Students test, edTPA/ATS-W, Content Specialty Tests).

Brooklyn College will send a list to the NY State Dept. of Education Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI) to confirm the names of students enrolled in student teaching classes in the spring of 2020. OTI will make a note in the candidates’ TEACH account that they are eligible for items 1 and 2 above. If you are in a student teaching class as described above, we will confirm with you that we sent a note to OTI for you.

Please be sure your e-mail address on file is correct. Go to the BC WebCentral Portal, then My Info > My Email and Text Message Subscriptions. Select the option to subscribe to "news from institutional departments." Be sure your preferred e-mail address has been selected in CUNYfirst as well.

MORE ABOUT THE edTPA:
If you will be completing the edTPA while distance learning is in effect, refer to https://www.edtpa.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_PlacementInAVirtualSetting.html

Eligible candidates* who choose to take the edTPA, but do not pass it, could take and pass the ATS-W, or pursue the edTPA Multiple Measures Review Process (MMRP), if they qualify. Please see the details posted at http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsedtpa.html
*Eligible candidates in this case are students currently enrolled in student teaching in any Brooklyn College teacher preparation program in the spring of 2020. The MMRP is an option for all candidates.

FAQ

I am not enrolled in student teaching yet, or I finished it already. Can I use the ATS-W in place of the edTPA?

Answer: No. The option of the ATS-W to replace the edTPA is ONLY for students who are enrolled in a registered NY State teacher preparation program and in a student teaching class in Spring 2020.

If testing centers remain closed beyond May 1, can I be exempt from the certification tests?

Answer: ONLY student teachers who are enrolled in a registered NY State teacher preparation program and enrolled in student teaching in spring 2020 will be exempt from the Educating All Students test, edTPA/ATS-W, and Content Specialty Tests.

I have to finish my student teaching in order to graduate this spring. Can I graduate this spring?

Answer: Yes. Some programs are still in the process of finalizing options, but you should be contacted by your student teaching supervisor very soon about alternative models of clinical experiences if you haven't already.

If you have questions for me about certification, please confirm your CUNYfirst EMPLID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number so I can find your records.

If you have questions about student teaching alternatives, please contact your student teaching supervisor and/or the appropriate department chair.

Contact information, department chairs:

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We anticipate that further guidance may be received from the New York State Education Department as they receive additional questions. If or when that occurs, we will notify you by email and post the guidance to our website.

For more information and resources, please refer to the Brooklyn College Educator Certification website: http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/schools/education/certification.php

Sincerely,

Helen Spencer
Certification Officer