

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHOOL COUNSELING CERTIFICATION CHANGES

The New York State Department of Education has established new School Counselor Certification requirements that go into effect on **February 1, 2023**. These changes will alter the certification for school counselors from the current **Provisional** and **Permanent** to the **Initial** and **Professional** certificate. Current school counseling candidates who do not obtain their **Provisional** certificate by the **February 1, 2023** deadline, will be required to comply with the new certification requirements for the **Initial** and **Professional** certificates. Below is information on the changes and how they may affect you in the future. For more information on these changes, visit the Office of Teaching Initiatives web page/Provisional and Permanent School Counselor Certification at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/examplecoursewk-schoolcounseling.html>

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2023

The deadline for applying for the **Provisional** certificate in School Counseling is **February 1, 2023**. All school counseling candidates must satisfy the requirements for the provisional certificate in school counseling and submit their application to the NYSED before the deadline.

Candidates who complete the School Counseling Program prior to **Fall 2022** are eligible for the **Provisional** certificate. Please visit the College Recommendation Information on Teacher Certification Office webpage upon completion of the school counseling program to request that you be recommended for certification.

Queens College Teacher Certification Office

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/degrees/education/Certification/Pages/TCERTHome.aspx>

Candidates who are due to complete the program after the **Fall of 2022** may choose to apply for the **Provisional** certificate through the New York State Office of Teaching Initiatives-Individual Evaluation Pathway.

Applying for a Certificate

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/apply.html>

PERMANENT CERTIFICATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Individuals with a **Provisional** certificate may apply for the **Permanent** Certificate in School Counseling upon completing two years of full-time employment as a School Counselor.

NYSED Permanent Certificate:

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/perm.html>

Note that the NYSED has not yet determined when they will stop issuing the **Permanent** certificate. If you have the **Provisional** certificate, please check the NYSED **Permanent** Certificate webpage for any updates.