

EXAMINATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR COURSEWORK CREDIT

The New York City Department of Education has approved several examinations to satisfy the pedagogical core education credit requirement of those substitute teachers who will have worked more than forty (40) days in a school year. These examinations can be used in lieu of some college coursework, provided there is no duplication.

1. **ONLY ONE of the following Developmental/Psychology Examinations (a, b or c) is acceptable:**
 - a. **CLEP EXAM: Introduction to Educational Psychology** - This exam covers material that is usually taught in a one-semester undergraduate course. Emphasis is placed on principles of learning and cognition, teaching methods and classroom management, child growth and development, and evaluation and assessment of learning. (3 credits)
 - Visit <http://clep.collegeboard.org/exam> to register
 - b. **CLEP EXAM: Human Growth and Development** - This exam (infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and aging) covers material that is generally taught in a one-semester introductory graduate course. An understanding of the major theories and research related to the broad categories of physical development, cognitive development and social development is required, as is the ability to apply this knowledge. (3 credits)
 - Visit <http://clep.collegeboard.org/exam> to register
 - c. **DANTES (DSST) EXAM: Life Span Developmental Psychology** - Ethical issues, biological development (genetics, prenatal development, and childbirth; infancy and toddlerhood; early childhood; middle childhood; adolescence), perception, learning & memory, cognition & language; social, emotional, and personality development, social behaviors, family life cycle. (3 credits)
 - Visit <http://getcollegecredit.com/testprep/#courses> to register
2. **DANTES – DSST: Foundations of Education** - Contemporary issues in education, past and current influences on education (philosophies, democratic ideals, social/economic influences), and the interrelationships between contemporary issues and influences. (3 credits)
 - Visit <http://getcollegecredit.com/testprep/#courses>
3. **Excelsior College: Literacy Instruction in the Elementary School – (EDUX310)** Two-semester sequence of courses in elementary school reading and writing instruction. Includes theoretical frameworks; emergent literacy/beginning reading; identifying and understanding words; constructing meaning; comprehension and response; writing instruction; the teacher as reflective decision maker; implementing a classroom literacy program; and assessment and evaluation. (6 credits)
 - Visit <http://www.excelsior.edu/ecapps/exams/examDetail.jsf>

COURSEWORK RESOURCES

In addition to traditional four (4) year college course credits, professional education courses sponsored by the organizations below will be accepted, provided there is no duplication.

1. **UFT – TEACHER CENTER** <http://www.uft.org/teaching/uft-teacher-center>
Tel: 212-475-3737
2. **CITE (CENTER FOR INTEGRATED TEACHER ED)** <http://www.citeonline.com/>
Toll Free: 1-877-922-2483 or 718-923-9333
3. **THE SUNY LEARNING NETWORK** <http://sln.suny.edu/index.html>
4. **NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS (NYSUT)** <http://www.nysut.org>

Note: Professional Development (PD) courses do not satisfy the professional education credit requirement and will not be accepted for substitute teacher renewal

What is PEDAGOGICAL CORE?

The NYS Education Department pedagogical core is the basic teacher education coursework intended to provide teachers with the teaching knowledge, skills and methods needed to work as a general education teacher.

All coursework must be earned at an institution of higher education with an approved teacher education program that leads to teacher certification in the state in which the college is located. For institutions in New York State, view the [Inventory of Registered Programs](#) and search programs leading to teacher certification. For institutions outside New York State, consult the college catalog or that state's education department to verify this. If pedagogical core coursework is taken at a community college or another college that does not offer approved teacher certification programs, coursework is acceptable only if it is accepted in transfer to an institution with an approved teacher education program that leads to teacher certification in the state in which the college is located. Such coursework must be submitted on official transcripts of both colleges attended.

NOTE ON DUPLICATION:

Duplicate courses/examinations will not be credited toward your renewal.

- ❖ ***If you have completed any college coursework similar to the examinations listed, the examinations will not be applied to your renewal***
- ❖ ***If you have completed any of the examinations, similar college coursework will not be applied to your renewal***