

Parts of Section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education

Related to Clinical Practice

Definitions

(vii) *Field experience* means direct observation of teaching, participation in teaching, or teaching itself that is related to the teacher education program in which the candidate is enrolled; engaged in prior to student teaching or practica; and carefully selected and planned by program faculty.

(xi) *Practica* means structured, college-supervised learning experiences for a student in a teacher education program in which the student teacher practices the skills being learned in the teacher education program through direct experiences with individual students, or with groups of students. These skills are practiced under the direct supervision of the certified teacher who has official responsibility for the students.

(xiii) *Student teaching* means a structured, college-supervised learning experience for a student in a teacher education program in which the student teacher practices the skills being learned in the teacher education program and gradually assumes increased responsibility for instruction, classroom management, and other related duties for a class of students in the area of the certificate sought. These skills are practiced under the direct supervision of the certified teacher who has official responsibility for the class.

Requirements

(2) Field experiences, student teaching and practica.

(i)(A) All registered programs shall include at least 100 clock hours of field experiences related to coursework prior to student teaching or practica. The program shall include:

- (I) at least two college-supervised student-teaching experiences of at least 20 school days each; or
- (II) at least two college-supervised practica with individual students or groups of students of at least 20 school days each; or
- (III) at least one college-supervised student-teaching experience of at least 40 school days, provided that:
 - 1. the combination of field experience hours and days of student teaching meets or exceeds the specific requirements for the certificate title as described in paragraph (3) of this subdivision; and
 - 2. the combination of field experience hours and days of student teaching provides the full range of developmental levels required by the certificate title in paragraph (3) of this subdivision; and
 - 3. the mentoring teacher of record at the school or school district where the student teacher is placed holds a certificate in the certificate title or in a closely related area; and is designated by the school or district as a teacher mentor or coach or is rated effective or highly effective in their most recent annual professional performance review conducted pursuant to section

3012-c of the Education Law or holds a national board certificate. These requirements shall be met by student teaching, unless the specific requirements for the certificate title in paragraph (3) of this subdivision require practica.

(i)(B) At least 15 of the 100 clock hours of field experience shall include a focus on understanding the needs of students with disabilities.

(ii) The field experiences, student teaching and practica shall:

(A) be consistent with the program's philosophy, purposes and objectives and carefully selected and planned by program faculty, with learning outcomes specified and their achievement regularly evaluated;

(B) be accompanied by coursework or seminars and supervised by one or more faculty who participate actively in the program and in program development, and who have training and skills in supervision and the expertise to provide supervision related to content and pedagogy. Full-time faculty shall participate in supervising students during their student-teaching or practica experiences;

(C) provide candidates with experiences in a variety of communities and across the range of student developmental levels of the certificate, experiences practicing skills for interacting with parents or caregivers, experiences in high need schools, and experiences with each of the following student populations: socioeconomically disadvantaged students, students who are English language learners, and students with disabilities; and

(D) for programs preparing candidates for more than one certificate, ensure that candidates have field experiences and/or student-teaching or practica experiences related to each certificate, as prescribed in paragraph (3) of this subdivision.

(iii) Upon written application by the institution, the commissioner may grant a time-limited approval for an alternate model for field experiences and college-supervised student teaching or practica, provided that the institution demonstrates the success of such model or has an adequate plan for demonstrating that the model will be successful.

(iv) Other options for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate to meet the student teaching or practica requirement are set forth in the teacher certification requirements of this Title for the particular certificate title.

Initial Programs

(i) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching **early childhood** education (birth through grade 2).

(2) field experiences and student-teaching experiences with children in each of the three early childhood groups, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 2, through the combined field experiences and student-teaching experience, and for programs with at least two student-teaching experiences, student teaching with at least two of these three groups. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or for candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock

hours of field experiences and at least 20 days of practica or student teaching with students in early childhood, including experiences with each of the three early childhood groups.

- (ii) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching **childhood education** (grades 1 through 6).
(2) field experiences and student-teaching experiences in both childhood education settings, grades 1 through 3 and grades 4 through 6. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or for candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences, practica, or student teaching with students in childhood education, including experiences in both childhood education settings.

- (iii) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching **middle childhood education** (grades 5 through 9). [English, a language other than English, biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, mathematics, social studies or middle childhood generalist]
(2) student-teaching experiences in both middle childhood settings, grades 5 through 6 and 7 through 9 for programs with at least two 20 day student-teaching experiences; and for programs with one student-teaching experience, combined field experiences and student teaching in both middle childhood settings, grades 5 through 6 and grades 7 through 9. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or for candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the program shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences, practica, or student teaching with middle childhood students, including experiences in both middle childhood settings, grades 5 through 6 and grades 7 through 9.

- (iv) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching **adolescence education** (grades 7 through 12). [English, a language other than English, biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, mathematics, or social studies]
(2) student-teaching experiences in both adolescence education settings, grades 7 through 9 and grades 10 through 12 for programs with at least two 20 day student-teaching experiences; and for programs with one student-teaching experience, combined field experiences and student teaching in both adolescence education settings, grades 7 through 9 and grades 10 through 12. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences, practica, or student teaching with students in adolescence, including experiences in both adolescence education settings, grades 7 through 9 and grades 10 through 12.

- (v) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching a **special subject (all grades)**.
[dance, family and consumer science, health education, music, physical education, technology education, theater, or visual arts]

(2) student-teaching experiences of the special subject in both settings, pre-kindergarten through grade 6 and grades 7 through 12 for programs with at least two 20 day student-teaching experiences; and for programs with one student-teaching experience, combined field experiences and student teaching of the special subject in both settings, pre-kindergarten through grade 6 and grades 7 through 12. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences, practica, or student teaching with students in the special subject class, including experiences in both settings, pre-kindergarten through grade 6 and grades 7 through 12.

(vi) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching **students with disabilities in early childhood, childhood, middle childhood** for programs registered prior to September 2, 2011, or adolescence.

(2) field experiences and student-teaching experiences with students with disabilities across the age/grade range of the student developmental level of the certificate, through combined field experiences and student-teaching experiences, and for programs with at least two student-teaching experiences, student teaching in two settings as appropriate to the certificate: pre-K through kindergarten and grades 1 through 2; or grades 1 through 3 and grades 4 through 6; or grades 5 through 6 and grades 7 through 9 for programs registered prior to September 2, 2011; or grades 7 through 9 and grades 10 through 12. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least the equivalent of 50 clock hours of field experiences and at least 20 days of practica or student teaching with students with disabilities, including experiences across the age/grade range of the student developmental level of the certificate.

(vii) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching students who are **deaf or hard-of-hearing (all grades)**.

(2) field experiences, student teaching or practica with students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, which includes experiences at each of the four developmental levels: early childhood, childhood, middle childhood, and adolescence, provided that if a program has at least two student-teaching experiences, student teaching shall include experiences at the early childhood or childhood level and also at the middle childhood or adolescence level. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences and at least 20 days of practica or student teaching with students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

(viii) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching students who are **blind or visually impaired (all grades)**.

- (2) field experiences, student teaching or practica with students who are blind or visually impaired, which includes experiences at each of the four developmental levels: early childhood, childhood, middle childhood and adolescence, provided that if a program has at least two student-teaching experiences, student teaching shall include experiences at the early childhood or childhood level and also at the middle childhood or adolescence level. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences and at least 20 days of practica or student teaching with students who are blind or visually impaired.
- (ix) Programs leading to certificates valid for teaching students with **speech and language disabilities (all grades)**.
(ii) supervised, on-campus clinical practica and off-campus, college-supervised clinical practica totaling at least 150 clock hours that include experiences with students with speech and language disabilities in early childhood, childhood, middle childhood, and adolescence. The off-campus practica shall include experiences in elementary and/or secondary schools. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable.
- (x) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching **English to speakers of other languages (all grades)**.
(2) field experiences and student teaching with students learning English as a second language in both elementary and secondary schools. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences with students learning English as a second language; and practica or student teaching with students learning English as a second language in both elementary and secondary schools totaling at least 20 days.
- (xi) Programs leading to initial and professional certificates for **teaching literacy (birth through grade 6)** or for teaching **literacy (grades 5 through 12)**.
(2) for the literacy certificate (birth through grade 6), at least 50 clock hours of college-supervised practica in teaching literacy to students at both the early childhood and childhood levels; and for the literacy certificate (grades 5 through 12), at least 50 clock hours of college-supervised practica in teaching literacy to students at both the middle childhood and adolescent levels. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable.
- (xii) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for teaching the career field of **agriculture or business and marketing (all grades)**.
(2) field experiences in both elementary and secondary schools and student-teaching experiences at two different grade levels with at last one student-teaching experience in grades 10, 11 and/or 12 for programs with at least two student-teaching experiences. For programs with one student-teaching experience, combined field experiences and student teaching at two different grade levels

with one student-teaching experience in grades 10, 11 and/or 12. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least 50 clock hours of field experiences, practica, or student teaching in the career field in grades 10, 11 and/or 12.

(xiii) Programs leading to certificates valid for teaching a specific **career and technical subject within the field of agriculture, business and marketing, family and consumer sciences, health, a technical area or a trade (grades 7 through 12)**.

(1) Option A.

(B) field experiences of at least 25 hours and student teaching of at least 30 days, both in grades 7 through 12, that are related to teaching the subject of the certificate.

(2) Option B.

(i) Option B shall not be available for programs leading to specific family and consumer sciences, business and marketing, and technical subject certificates.

(B) field experiences of at least 25 hours and student teaching of at least 30 days, both in grades 7 through 12, related to teaching the subject of the certificate.

(xiv) Programs leading to initial and professional certificates valid for service as a **library media specialist (all grades)**.

(2) at least 100 clock hours of field experiences in elementary and secondary schools and at least two college-supervised practica of at least 20 days each in elementary and secondary schools.

(xv) Programs leading to initial certificates valid for service as an **educational technology specialist (all grades)**.

(2) at least 100 clock hours of field experiences in elementary and secondary schools and at least two college-supervised practica of at least 20 days each in elementary and secondary schools. The time requirements for field experience, student teaching and practica of item (2)(ii)(c)(2)(i) of this subdivision shall not be applicable for candidates holding another classroom teaching certificate or candidates who are simultaneously preparing for another classroom teaching certificate and completing the full field experience, student teaching and practica requirement for that other certificate. In such instances, the programs shall require such candidates to complete at least the equivalent of 50 hours of field experiences or practica in elementary and/or secondary schools.

Extensions and Annotations

(i) Programs leading to extensions authorizing the provision of **bilingual education for certificates for teaching early childhood education; childhood education; middle childhood education; adolescence education; a special subject; literacy education; career and technical education; students with disabilities in early childhood, or childhood, or middle childhood for programs registered prior to September 2, 2011, or adolescence; students who are blind or visually impaired; students who are deaf or hard of hearing; and students with speech and language disabilities** shall require:

(b) college-supervised field experiences of at least 50 clock hours in providing bilingual education, as appropriate to the teaching certificate.

- (ii) Programs leading to extensions authorizing the provision of **bilingual education for certificates in library media specialist and educational technology specialist** shall require:
 - (b) college-supervised field experiences of at least 50 clock hours in providing bilingual services, as appropriate to the teaching certificate.

- (v) Programs leading to extensions for **gifted education** for classroom teaching certificates shall require:
 - (b) college-supervised field experiences of at least 50 clock hours teaching gifted students.

- (vii) Programs leading to annotations to recognize additional pedagogical knowledge, skills, and experiences for teaching students with **severe or multiple disabilities** for certificates for teaching students with disabilities in early childhood, or childhood, or middle childhood, or adolescence; students who are blind or visually impaired; students who are deaf or hard of hearing; and students with speech and language disabilities shall require:
 - (b) college-supervised field experiences of at least 50 clock hours teaching students with severe or multiple disabilities.

Faculty

- (h) Faculty.
- (2) Staffing requirements.
 - (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this subclause, institutions shall meet the following staffing requirements:...Individual faculty members shall not supervise more than 18 student teachers per semester. Supervision of field experiences, practica, and student teaching shall be considered by the institution in determining faculty load, and institutions shall demonstrate how such supervision is considered in determining faculty load.