## **Pathways to Certification** - Abby Allard and Ken Turner for Principal Prep Project 09/14/2016

	Initial Certification Pathway One	Professional Certification Pathway	Out-of-State Candidate Pathway One
Degree Requirements	Hold a master's degree, or higher from regionally accredited institution	Candidate will have already completed one of the initial certification pathways and have a minimum of a master's degree	Must hold a master's degree, or higher from a regionally accredited institution
Program Completion	Successfully complete approved SBL program leading to certification		Completion of program with recommendation for principal-level certification in the State the College is located
Educational Program Requirements	Complete 30 semester hours of graduate study. 18 of 30 graduate hours in field of school administration.		Complete at least 21 hours in the field of school administration
Program Requirements for all Candidates	US citizen, study in child abuse, reporting, school violence prevention, training in harassment, and criminal history check		
Prior Experience Requirements	Candidates will have completed three years of classroom teaching and/or pupil personnel service	Candidates will have three years of school experience in an educational leadership position, including one year as a school building leader	Candidate must have three years of experience in public school N-12 in an US state, territory or the District of Columbia
Internships or Mentoring	An approved administrative/supervisory internship. Supervised by a school administer or sponsor institution representative.	Candidate will participate in a mentor program in the first year of employment	Completed a comparable (to NYS standard) administrative internship. Candidate will participate in a mentor program in the first year of employment.
Examination or Achievement Evidence	Satisfactory passing scores on all SBL exams and EAS (Educating All Students) exam		Satisfactory passing scores on all SBL exams and EAS (Educating All Students) exam
Alternative to Internship or Mentoring	Candidates can have one year of satisfactory full-time experience as a supervisor/administrator in lieu of internship	If candidate has completed two years of educational leadership, they do not need to participate in mentorship	
Certification Validity	The initial SBL certificate is valid for five years	Certification shall be continuously valid, provided that the CTLE requirements are met by the certificate holder	Candidate must hold a valid certificate to practice as an SBL from another US State, Territory or the District of Columbia

**School Building Leader (SBL):** Principals, Housemaster, Supervisor, Department Chairperson, Assistant Principal, Coordinator, Unit Head and any other person serving more than 25 percent of his/her assignment in any administrative and/or supervisory position.