

# Important Updates to the Child Abuse Workshop Requirement

Amendments have been signed into NYS Social Services Law requiring additional content within the NYS mandated Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment/Neglect coursework. **The law requires every person who has previously undergone this training to undergo the new updated training by April 1, 2025.**

If you have already completed the new version of the Child Abuse Workshop, it should be listed on TEACH as: **Child Abuse Identification (New Program)**. If this is showing on your TEACH account, you should not need to take any additional steps at this time.

## **IF COMPLETING DEGREE/PROGRAM FOR FIRST INITIAL CERTIFICATE AFTER APRIL 1, 2025**

If you are planning to complete your degree program *after* April 1, 2025, ***you MUST complete the new version*** of the Child Abuse Workshop for degree completion/graduation, even if you have previously completed the old version. You should have access to the new version of the workshop in the Educator Preparation Program Workshops Organization in Brightspace.

## **IF COMPLETING DEGREE/PROGRAM FOR FIRST INITIAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE APRIL 2, 2025**

If you are planning to complete your degree program *before* April 1, 2025, you are not required to complete the new version of the workshop for degree completion/graduation; however, NYSED requires you to complete the new version of the workshop by April 1, 2025 to maintain your NYS teacher certification. If you wish to complete the workshop while you are an active Buffalo State student, you may access it in the Educator Preparation Program Workshops Organization in Brightspace and we will upload your completion data to NYSED, to be posted to your TEACH account.