BUFFALO STATE
The State University of New York

I HAVE CHILDHOOD (1-6) AND WANT TO ADD EARLY CHILDHOOD (B-2) CERTIFICATION

Once you have been issued NYS Initial Certification in Childhood 1-6, you may wish to add the Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) Certificate. To do so, you will need to apply for the EC title as an additional certificate through a BOCES Regional Certification Office. BOCES will complete an official evaluation and send you a letter telling you which requirements are missing. Upon completion of the missing requirements, the evaluation may be updated at no additional cost.

The current requirement to add EC certification is 6 credits of coursework that is specifically at the EC developmental level plus the CST-Multisubject for Early Childhood. **Please note that certification requirements are subject to change at any time and without notice.**

Some courses that have been accepted in the past to fulfill the 6 credit EC requirement include: EDU 543, 626, 528, 611 and EXE 652. **You will want to verify the continued acceptability of these courses with BOCES** after you apply for the certification and before you register for a course.

To apply:

go to www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach

Log on to TEACH with your username and password

Click on "TEACH Online Services"

Click on "Apply for Certificate"

Make selections from drop boxes to select certificate title: Classroom Teacher, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood-Birth-Grade 2, Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Initial Certificate

Answer no to question re: approved teacher prep program (you will not need a program code)

Answer no to question regarding a teaching certificate in another state

Answer no to question regarding initial to professional certification (this question doesn't always appear)

Your pathway should be: Additional Classroom Teaching Certificate

Select BOCES to process your application

Select school district in which you live or teach (this will direct your application to appropriate BOCES Office)

Submit application fee ($100 per certificate title online using a credit card)

Send college transcripts. Please read through NYSED's policy for transcript submission: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/transcripts.html

You will be requesting Buffalo State transcripts from the Registrar's Office: https://registrar.buffalostate.edu/transcript-ordering. **Be sure to select 'Add an Attachment' and upload a letter requesting that the Registrar's Office include an official document reflecting your full date of birth, last four digits of your SSN, and your name as it appears on your TEACH account.**

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For information regarding certification requirements, go to https://teachercertification.buffalostate.edu/