



**BUFFALO STATE**  
The State University of New York

## Applying for Initial Speech & Language Disabilities Certification on TEACH

Go to [www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach](http://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:

Area of Interest: Classroom Teacher  
Subject Area: Speech and Language Disabilities  
Grade Level: PreK-12 – All Grades  
Title: Speech and Language Disabilities  
Type of Certificate: Initial Certificate

Answer yes to question re: approved teacher prep program and enter program code: **23454**

If the college recommendation for this title has already been posted to your TEACH account, you will not need to enter the program code. TEACH will automatically select the pathway for this application.

Answer “moral character” questions and electronically sign affidavit

Submit payment for application (\$50 online using a credit card)

### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Once you meet the requirements for Professional Certification, you will be able to apply for Professional Certification by following the same steps and using the same program code.

#### **Requirements for Professional Certification:**

- Praxis II Exam – Speech & Language Disabilities
- 3 years of paid, full time Classroom Teaching experience
- Mentored experience

Before applying on TEACH, submit the Online Release Authorization Form. You'll find the Release Authorization form on our website, under Quick Links.