Teacher Certification Exams for Elementary Education

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These tests are new and information and preparation advice is evolving. Please peruse the internet for links in addition to the ones cited below. The New York State Department of Education NYSED website was the source of most of the information below.

1. **Content Specialty Test(s) CST** *Take during junior year*
   - ECCE B6 majors take both multi-subject tests. CHED 1-6 majors take only Grades 1-6.
   - Multi-subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade2)
   - Multi-subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grades 1-Grade 6)

   Each version of the Multi-Subject Tests contains three parts:
   - Part One: Literacy and English Language Arts
   - Part Two: Mathematics
   - Part Three: Arts and Sciences

   Please note: Candidates may register to take all three parts at the same time or may register to take each part separately. However, it is less expensive to register for all three parts at the same time. Also, Part Three of the test is the same for all Multi-Subject Tests. A candidate applying for more than one Multi-Subject certificate only needs to take and pass Part Three once. All parts must be passed.

2. **Academic Literacy Skills Test** ALST *Take during junior year*
   - The Academic Literacy Skills Test consists of selected-response items, two focused constructed-response items, and one extended written assignment. The ALST measures academic literacy skills necessary to teach effectively in New York State public schools.

3. **Educating All Students** EAS *Complete after EPSY 229*
   - The Educating All Students test consists of selected-response items and constructed-response items. Each constructed-response item will share scenario-based stimulus material with several selected-response items. The EAS test measures the professional and pedagogical knowledge and skills necessary to teach all students effectively in New York State public schools.
   - Visit this site to familiarize yourself with NYSESLAT and data referenced on the EAS exam: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nyseslat/

4. **edTPA** *Completed during Student Teaching. Video component.*

The following website can be used to order test preparation materials:
http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_prepare_opener.asp

Register to take the CST, ALST, EAS tests at any PearsonVue site:
http://www.pearsonvue.com/

More information about testing:
http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY17_whoshouldtest.asp