

ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES AT SUNY CORTLAND

The undergraduate program (SST) is the only Cortland program to offer provisional certification in Adolescence Education Social Studies. It requires completion of a B.A. with two full majors: in SST (social studies teaching methods and content); and in an approved social science discipline. See:

<http://www.cortland.edu/history/undergraduate.asp#sst> and
http://catalog.cortland.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=5&poid=568&bc=1

The SST major cannot be taken alone, and post-baccalaureate students with social science B.A.s (for example, history) would have to complete a second B.A. with a second full social science major. This option is not attractive to most post-baccalaureate students. They may prefer to pursue a Master of Arts or Master of Sciences in Teaching (MAT or MST), which is not available at Cortland.

In addition to the M.A. in History, SUNY Cortland does offer an M.S.Ed., or Master of Sciences in Social Studies certification. A provisional certificate is required for entry.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION ~ NY State Education Department (NYSED)

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov>

TEACH online application

All applicants must apply online for certification. SUNY Cortland teacher ed students can access a helpful interface by clicking the "TEACH" link in their Banner web account; they can set up their TEACH accounts this way (and should authorize the college to send records to NYSED). Others must access the TEACH application directly through the NYSED website.

Types of Programs

"There are a variety of ways to meet the requirements to become a New York State certified teacher. Select the pathway that is right for you." There are both conventional and alternative programs, the latter more popular for "career changers" who already have a BA or other significant experience or training.

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/rightpathway.htm#9>

Types of Certificates

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/typesofcerts.htm>

You can select the type of certificate you seek and then search

Certification Requirements.

<http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do>

If you have considerable coursework and/or experience and do not seek to go through a regular or alternative certification program, you can opt for an "Individual Evaluation Pathway, as per the requirements page above. (Be sure to click on links for options and alternatives – for example, classroom teaching can be substituted for 40 days of student teaching)

To add a subject or grade level to an existing certificate:

Extension (subject)

Description	Certificate attached to a regular base certificate, authorizing the holder to teach an additional student population, grade, or subject not authorized by the base certificate. Extensions are not free-standing, they may be attached to multiple base certificates.
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Validity	Valid as long as the base certificate remains valid.
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