

Teaching Assistant (Certificate)

Curriculum Code: 1330

Semester Hours Required for Graduation: 24

PROGRAM GOALS:

1. Assist students in making a realistic decision regarding Teaching Assistant as a para-professional career.
2. Understand the opportunities and challenges facing the Teaching Assistant in today's educational climate.
3. Provide eligible students with the opportunity for continued education to complete a two-year degree in a transfer or non-transfer based program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Develop skills to enhance ability to speak and write effectively.
- Interpret developmental theories to understand the learning and behavior of children and adolescents.
- Analyze and interpret trends in classroom practices.
- Develop one's personal philosophy of education based on reading, research, and class assignments.
- Respond to the daily classroom management needs.
- Provide support and assistance for students with special and/or diverse needs.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION:

It is highly recommended that the following criteria be met to begin this program, and it is REQUIRED by the completion of 24 credits:

12th-grade reading level is required (readiness to begin EN 101 – Composition). (A score of 80 or higher on the placement exam is required.)

Competency in Elementary Algebra is required for options 2 and 3.

Competency in mathematics fundamentals if required for T.A. certificate options 1 and 4. Elementary Algebra is recommended.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

24 Semester Hours

EN 101	Composition	3
PY 101	General Psychology	3
PY 205	Child and Adolescence Psychology	3
ED 101	Education in American Society	3
AR ELE	General Arts Elective	3
ELE	Restricted Elective	3
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Grand Total		24

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM SEQUENCE

1st Semester

EN 101	Composition	3
PY 101	Psychology	3
AR ELE	AR, MU, TH, DA Elective	3
ED 101	Education in American Society	3
Total		12

2nd Semester

PY 205	Child and Adolescence Psychology	3
ELE*	Restricted Elective	3
ELE*	Restricted Elective	3
ELE*	Restricted Elective	3
Total		12

***RESTRICTED ELECTIVE OPTIONS:**

Option 1:

Electives are restricted to the approved SUNY General Education courses listed on (page 65). One of these courses must be selected in the knowledge and skill areas of American History, Western Civilization or Other World Civilization.

Option 2:

Designed for Teaching Assistants working with the birth to 2nd grades. (Choose 3).

MA 105	Math for Elementary Teachers	3
ED 110	Education of Diverse Populations	3
HI ELE	History Elective	3
ELE	SUNY Gen Ed Elective	3

Option 3:

Designed for Teaching Assistants working in 1st to 6th grades.

MA 105	Math for Elementary Teachers	3
ED 110	Education for Diverse Populations	3
HI ELE	History Elective	3

Option 4: Designed for Teaching Assistants working in 7th to 12th grades.

HI ELE	History Elective	3
ELE	SUNY Gen Ed Elective	3
ELE	SUNY Gen Ed Elective	3

SUNY General Education and History courses must be applicable to educational programs leading to teacher certification.

Option 5:

Most flexible. Designed to maximize transferability to private colleges.

EN 101	Composition	3
MA 090	Mathematics Fundamentals	0
PY 101	Psychology	3
HU ELE	Humanities Elective	3
ED 101	Education in American Society	3
PY 205	Child and Adolescence Psychology	3
GN ELE	General Elective	9

Grand Total **24**

Career Opportunities: Meets New York State requirements for Teaching Assistants and provides transfer base for continued study in teacher education.