

# ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

## Teaching Early Childhood Special Education for ECE Classroom Teachers

### About the Program

This 15-credit fully online advanced certificate program provides an opportunity for licensed teachers who have completed master's level study in early childhood and childhood classroom instruction to expand their proficiency in meeting the needs of young children with disabilities, birth-grade 2, including those who are culturally and linguistically diverse. Through comprehensive coursework, you will gain an understanding of the challenges of young children with disabilities and develop the pedagogical skills and instructional strategies to support students' growth to help them meet the Next Generation Learning Standards.

In as little as two semesters of daytime or evening classes and fieldwork, and in alignment with NYSED's Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework, you will be provided with the knowledge to build caring, nurturing communities focused on equity and inclusion that value the unique strengths of these young learners.

The curriculum will also provide you with the knowledge and skills to help families advocate for their children and navigate the complex systems of special education to maximize their child's development and success.

Join a supportive community of educators by taking the next step to advance your career while making a difference for young children with special needs. Develop specialized expertise through comprehensive coursework and practical experience. Enroll today!



### Academic Calendar & Application Deadlines

Semester	Complete by:
Fall (Sep–Dec)	August 15
Winter (Jan–Apr)	December 15
Spring (May–Jul)	April 15

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The **Advanced Certificate in Teaching Early Childhood Special Education for ECE Classroom Teachers** is designed for licensed teachers who have previously completed master's level study in early childhood classroom instruction.

This 15-credit fully online advanced certificate combines coursework and is embedded with opportunities to apply classwork in the field. Courses are offered fully online over two semesters of full-time study, or students may decide to study part-time. Certificate holders will gain an understanding of the challenges children with disabilities face, developing pedagogical skills and instructional strategies to support early childhood special education, and will be eligible to earn New York State certification as a teacher of students with disabilities in early childhood (birth-grade 2).

**The Advanced Certificate in Teaching Early Childhood Special Education for ECE Classroom Teachers is a 15-credit program consisting of five (5) 3-credit courses, plus workshops in Responding to the Needs of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and preparation for the NYC certification exam CST Students with Disabilities. A suggested path for full-time study follows.**

### **Semester 1: Fall**

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ED 610 Foundations and Contemporary Issues of Urban and Special Education

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ED 612 Early Development and Practice: Risk, Resilience and Early Intervention

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ED 620 Observation and Assessment of Children with Exceptionalities

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### **Semester 2: Winter**

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ED 650 Collaborative Partnerships and Inclusive Practices in Special Education

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ED 660 Classroom Management through Positive Behavior Supports

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### **Required Workshops**

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▶ Responding to the Needs of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

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▶ Preparation for New York State certification examination: CST Students with Disabilities

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