

Overview of the current NYSED regulations- §52.21

TITLE 8. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
CHAPTER II. REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER
SUBCHAPTER A. HIGHER AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
PART 52. REGISTRATION OF CURRICULA
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(2) Field experiences, student teaching and practica.

- All registered programs shall include at **least 100 clock hours of field experiences related to coursework *prior* to student teaching or practica.**
- The program shall include at least **two** college-supervised student-teaching experiences of **at least 20 school days each**; or at least **two** college-supervised practica with individual students or groups of students of **at least 20 school days each**. [Currently- two 8-week placements.]
- At least 15 of the 100 clock hours of field experience shall include a focus on understanding the needs of students with disabilities.
- The current regulations also allow for the Commissioner to grant approval of a time-limited alternative model for field experiences or student teaching, provided that the institution can demonstrate success of such model.

Relevant Definitions:

(vii) Field experience means direct observation of teaching, participation in teaching, or teaching itself that is related to the teacher education program in which the candidate is enrolled; engaged in prior to student teaching or practica; and carefully selected and planned by program faculty.

(x) Mentored teaching experience means teaching by a new teacher with guidance and professional support provided to the new teacher by an experienced certified teacher who holds a permanent or professional certificate and has applied to and been approved by the school or school district to provide such mentoring to the new teacher.

(xiii) Student teaching means a structured, college-supervised learning experience for a student in a teacher education program in which the student teacher practices the skills being learned in the teacher education program and gradually assumes increased responsibility for instruction, classroom management, and other related duties for a class of students in the area of the certificate sought. These skills are practiced under the direct supervision of the certified teacher who has official responsibility for the class.