

Test for Teaching Assistant Certification

<http://www.nystce.nesinc.com>

The NYSTCE include the Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills (ATAS). The ATAS is available only on computer (see "[Computer-Based Testing](#)" for more information).

Individuals seeking a Level I, Level II, Level III, or Pre-Professional New York State teaching assistant certificate are required to achieve a qualifying score on the ATAS. Progression from one level to another does not require that an individual retake the ATAS. The purpose of this test is to help ensure that certified teaching assistants (also referred to as paraprofessionals) have the knowledge and skills that are important for the job of a teaching assistant in New York State public schools.

Test	Test Description
Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills (ATAS)	The ATAS consists of multiple-choice questions in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and instructional support.

A preparation guide for the ATAS is available to view or download (at no charge) by selecting "[Prepare](#)" on the NYSTCE website. The preparation guide contains information about the test, the test objectives, and sample test questions.

All NYSTCE tests may include questions that will not count toward candidates' scores. These questions are placed on the test to collect information about how well they perform under actual testing conditions.

Closest Test Centers and distance from Gouverneur, NY

Test Center	**Distance	City	State/Province	Country
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	33.2	Watertown	New York	United States
Pearson Professional Centers-Watertown NY	34.0	Watertown	New York	United States
Clarkson University - Testing Services	35.2	Potsdam	New York	United States

NYSTCE Fees for Computer-Based Testing

Test Registration Fees	
Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills (ATAS)	\$79

Test Sessions

Test sessions for computer-based testing are by appointment and are scheduled by examinees, and the earliest a test appointment may be scheduled for is 8:00 a.m. (see "[Internet Registration](#)" for information about test scheduling). You must report to the test center 30 minutes before your scheduled testing time to be signed in.

Register carefully. Once you have registered, you may not change your test selection unless you withdraw your registration and register again. Since test fees are only partially refunded, candidates who withdraw and then reregister effectively incur additional registration costs. (See "[Changing Your Registration](#)" for more information.)

Internet Registration

Registration for computer-based testing (CBT) is available on the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You should try to register as early as possible to increase the likelihood that you will be able to schedule your test appointment at your desired test center on a date that is convenient for you. We recommend that you register at least 30 days in advance. Because test appointments are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited, you may not be able to schedule a test appointment less than a week in advance.

Please note that you must wait 30 days after taking a computer-based test before retaking the same test on computer.

Before you register. Because of laws protecting confidentiality and privacy, only you may register yourself for a test. Before you register, be sure to have available your email address, social security number, and credit card information (number, expiration date, and name of cardholder). You may wish to review the "[Background Questions](#)" to prepare answers to the questions you will be asked during registration.

See "[Registering for Alternative Testing Arrangements](#)" if you wish to request alternative testing arrangements.

Payment. Payment must be made at the time of registration using a credit card (VISA or MasterCard only) or a debit or check card that carries the VISA or MasterCard logo and that can be used without the entry of a personal identification number (PIN). Bank cards without the VISA or MasterCard logo cannot be accepted. See "[Test Fees and Payment Policies](#)" for complete information about registration fees and payment policies.

How to register. Registration for computer-based testing is a two-part process with a registration step and a scheduling step.

1. **Registering for the test.** To register, select "[Register Now](#)" on the NYSTCE website and follow the instructions provided. You will be asked to provide your personal and payment information. If you don't have an account, you will be prompted to create one. See "[About My Account](#)" for information about creating and using an account. Be sure to have available your email address, social security number, and credit card information (number, expiration date, and name of cardholder). Enter your name as it appears on your government-issued identification that you plan to use for admittance to the test center.

Acknowledgment of registration and Authorization to Test. After you have completed the registration process, Evaluation Systems will send you an email acknowledging that you have submitted a registration. Within one business day, Evaluation Systems will email you an *Authorization to Test*. This *Authorization to Test* allows you to schedule a test appointment.

Your *Authorization to Test* is valid for one year from the date of issue. If you do not schedule a test appointment and take your test within one year, or withdraw your registration within one year, your authorization will expire, and you will receive no refund or credit of any kind.

2. **Scheduling your test.** Follow the instructions on your *Authorization to Test* to schedule your test appointment. After you schedule your appointment, you will be sent an email confirming your appointment and providing the address and phone number of the test center, as well as directions to the test center.