Please use the information provided below to assist you in completing your online application for NYS Teacher Certification.

**First: Create User Login and Password**

In order to apply online, you will enter TEACH online services via the Office of Teaching Initiatives Web site at www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert and create a TEACH login and password at the New York State Directory Services site. Instructions are provided as you go through this process. Once you have created your login and password this step is completed and you never have to repeat this process (unless you forget your password).

**PLEASE WRITE DOWN YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD AS IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH STATE ED IF YOU FORGET THEM!!** Keep this info someplace safe.

Username:___________________________________  Password:__________________________________

**Second: Creating a TEACH Account & Completing the Application**

**Step 1: Create Applicant Profile**

Enter your personal information and preferences (such as opting to be included in the statewide teacher clearinghouse or having most correspondence from us transmitted via email).

Use the following information to complete the Self-Reported education portion of the online application:

- **Institution Name:** SUNY Albany
- **Award Title:** MS
- **Program Code:** 25149
- **Major:** Education
- **Date Degree Received:** Enter approximate date of graduation [Format: mm/dd/yyyy]
- **Date Attended From:** Enter approximate date program was started [Format: mm/dd/yyyy]
- **Date Attended To:** Enter approximate date program will be completed [Format: mm/dd/yyyy]
- **Number of Credits:** 42

**Step 2: Select Certificate(s)**

**A. Use the following information to select the appropriate certificate title and type:**

- Select your Area of Interest: Classroom Teacher
- Select your Subject Area: Social Studies
- Select the Grade Level: Adolescent – Grades 7-12
- Select the Title: Social Studies 7-12
- Select the Type of Certificate: Initial

**B. After you have selected your certificate title and type, you will have a list of “Pathways” with associated requirements. You must choose a Pathway to continue with the application process.**

- Choose the radio button **Pathway: Approved Teacher Preparation Program**
- Choose the radio button that you want NYSED to review your application.

Continue through the application answering all required questions; sign the affidavit and application; and make your payment. You may pay online using a credit card or print out the payment coupon and mail in a US Postal Money Order.
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<td>Pathways Into Education Center</td>
<td>Technical support available to you by telephone Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (518) 486-6041. <strong>Web:</strong></td>
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