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New Students with Disabilities (All Grades) Certificate.

The Department would no longer register programs leading to the current SWD (Grades 6-12) and SWD (Grades 7-12) certificates on or after October 1, 2022, and would begin registering SWD (All Grades) programs at the effective date of the proposed amendment. For institutions that currently have registered SWD (Grades 6-12) and SWD (Grades 7-12) programs, the programs would no longer be registered with the Department on or after September 1, 2029. The SWD (Birth-Grade 2) certificate and SWD (Birth-Grade 2) program would continue to be available.

The proposal describes the SWD (All Grades) certificate and program registration requirements on [pages 24](#), such as the content core and pedagogical core requirements. For example, the pedagogical core requirements for SWD (All Grades) programs would focus on developing the same comprehensive knowledge, understanding, and skills for teaching students with disabilities in current SWD programs, but cover the broader student developmental level of the certificate (pre-Grade 2) programs would be required by September 1, 2024, or at the time a new program is registered,

With this extension, the number of programs for registration is reduced from 18 to 12. Similarly, eligible programs for registration would be replaced with 12 programs. In the proposal, the current extension requirements of 18 semester hours in the content core of the extension would be replaced with 12 semester hours. The proposal can be submitted to oheregcomments@nysed.gov

through August 1 2022.

Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test Safety Net. It is anticipated that the revised Business and Marketing Content Specialty Test (CST) will become operational in September 2022. The Department [proposed a regulatory amendment](#) to create a safety net for the revised CST that allows candidates to take either the revised CST or the predecessor CST in Business and Marketing for one year after the revised CST becomes operational. The test framework and study guide for the revised CST are available on the

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