

## Transitional A – Criminal Justice Instructor

To view the requirements for a Transitional A certificate for Law Enforcement Services:

[Requirement Lookup](#) or <https://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/search-cert-reqs>

In the 5 dropdown boxes, choose:

Career and Technical Teacher

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Adolescent – Grades 7-12

Law Enforcement Services 7-12

Transitional A Certificate

You will choose one pathway and complete every requirement in that pathway. There are 8 pathways to choose from. The most common pathways are:

- **Pathway: Option B - Individual Evaluation**
  - [Education - High School Diploma, GED or HSE](#)
  - [Occupational Work Experience - Law Enforcement Services - 4 Yrs](#)
  - [New York State Teacher Certification Exam - Communicative and Quantitative Skills \(CQST\)](#)
  - [Workshop - Child Abuse Identification \(Updated 2025\)](#)
  - [Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention](#)
  - [Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act](#)
  - [Fingerprint Clearance](#)
  - [School District Employment and Support Commitment](#)
- **Pathway: Option A - Individual Evaluation**
  - [Associates Degree or Higher - Law Enforcement Services](#)
  - [Occupational Work Experience - Law Enforcement Services - 2 Yrs](#)
  - [Workshop - Child Abuse Identification \(Updated 2025\)](#)
  - [Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention](#)
  - [Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act](#)
  - [Fingerprint Clearance](#)
  - [School District Employment and Support Commitment](#)
- **Pathway: Option J - Individual Evaluation**
  - [Bachelor's degree or Higher - Law Enforcement Services](#)
  - [One Year of Occupational experience or Hold an Industry Related Credential - Law Enforcement Services](#)
  - [Workshop - Child Abuse Identification \(Updated 2025\)](#)
  - [Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention](#)
  - [Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act](#)

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- [Fingerprint Clearance](#)
- [School District Employment and Support Commitment - Law Enforcement Services 7-12](#)
- [Pathway: Option G - Individual Evaluation](#)
  - [Holds an Industry Related Credential or Passed an Industry Accepted CTE Exam - Law Enforcement Services 7-12](#)
  - [Occupational Work Experience - Law Enforcement Services 7-12 - 2 Yrs](#)
  - [Workshop - Child Abuse Identification \(Updated 2025\)](#)
  - [Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention](#)
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Industry related credentials:

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Titles:CTE Industry-Related Credentials:Career and Technical Education Certification:Certification:OTI:NYSED

The Transitional A certificate is valid for 3 years. During those 3 years, you will be required to take 3 specific college courses to obtain an Initial certification:

- [College Coursework - Human Development and Learning](#)
- [College Coursework - Teaching Students with Disabilities & Special Health-Care Needs](#)
- [College Coursework - Curriculum and Instruction](#)

An Initial certificate is valid for 5 years. During the next 5 years, you will be required to take 3 more specific college courses to obtain Professional certification:

- [College Coursework - Instruction and/or Assessment](#)
- [College Coursework - Teaching Literacy Skills Methods - 3 S.H.](#)
- [College Coursework - Classroom Management](#)