

The College of St. Rose
UPDATED GUIDANCE ON WAIVERS

Thank you for sending the questions about the current exam exemptions in NYS. We are in the process of auditing each candidate's file to ensure we send an accurate list of Spring 2020 graduates' names to NYSED. If you are one of the candidates that were scheduled to graduate in May 2020, then the State memo regarding exemption from the state certification exam may affect you. I suspect a high percentage of candidates will be exempt.

The state has now clarified that, if a candidate was/is scheduled to graduate this May and the exam centers remain closed after May 1, then no certification exams must be taken (EAS and Admin Exams). It is clear that testing centers will not be in operation as of May 1, 2020. Students will no longer require proof that they had registered for the assessment or of its cancellation. This probably impacts a number of students. However, we must conduct our usual degree audits to verify that an individual was/is scheduled to graduate. We have only been provided this guidance up to May 2020 graduation.

If a student is scheduled to graduate this May, then the College is engaging in the following actions:

- For SBL: We are ensuring that every candidate has completed all 24 credits, completed at least 400 hours of internship, and has met the standards of the professional through the portfolio submitted to Chalk and Wire.
- For SDL CERT only: We are ensuring through our normal auditing process that candidates have successfully completed the requirements of the certification and will then forward the names to NYSED
- For SDL Masters: We are ensuring that candidates have completed all requirements and taken the comprehensive exam.

I appreciate everyone's vigilance and concern. Know that we are working on this and must send a verified list of over 400 students in nearly 30 different degree programs and this will take time. As new information becomes available affecting students graduating after May 2020, we will update you should anything change.

Regards,

Dr. Terri Ward
Interim Dean
School of Education