

**NEW YORK STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR
CERTIFIED TEACHER COACHES**
Per NYSED "Guidelines for Coaching Requirements"
Information Sheet Provided by Genesee Valley BOCES Regional Certification Office (585-344-7932)

CERTIFIED TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

To Begin Coaching: Certified Teachers must complete the following:

- Initial **First Aid** must meet NYSED requirements (no exceptions allowed) – cannot be a renewal or updated training
- Initial **CPR/AED** must meet NYSED requirements (no exceptions allowed) – cannot be a renewal or updated training
- **Concussion training** is required by the school district for all coaches and must be renewed every two (2) years.
- **Teacher must keep the certificates and give copies to the district where they are coaching. Districts must verify completion of required course work.**

Coursework Requirements to Be Completed Within 2 Years of When They Started Coaching

- **Option I – Individual Evaluation Pathway:** New York State coaching course in **Principles, Philosophy and Organization of Athletics in Education**
- **Option 2 - NFHS Pathway:** Level 1 and 2
- Initial coaching coursework (under Option I or Option 2) must be completed within two (2) years of initial appointment to coach. Verification should be provided to the district's Athletic Department.
- **Teacher must keep the certificates and give copies to the district where they are coaching. Districts must verify timely completion of required course work.**

Additional Course Work Required Within 5 years of When They Started Coaching:

- **Option 1 – Individual Evaluation Pathway:** New York State coaching courses
 - **Health Sciences Applied to Coaching**
 - **Theory & Techniques of Coaching (sport specific)**
- **Option 2 - NFHS Pathway:** Level 3 including internship
 - The Internship Evaluation Attestation Form must be completed by the Athletic Director for verification of internship requirements to be maintained by district.
- **Teacher must keep the certificates and give copies to the district where they are coaching. Districts must verify timely completion of required course work.**

NOTES:

- If coursework under **Option I** was completed through a college and the coursework is verified on a college transcript, the individual can apply for a coaching course equivalency review by completing an appropriate application and submitting it to the NYSED Office of Curriculum and Instruction along with a copy of the official college transcript and related course descriptions. Application for equivalency review is available at: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/athletics-and-coaching>.

General Information About Certified Teacher Coaches:

- New York State Certified Teachers, including certified Pupil Personnel Services staff and School Administrators, **are not required** to obtain a license in order to coach high school sports. (Teaching Assistants are required to be licensed in order to coach.)
- **Certified Teacher coaches are responsible for maintaining verification of all coaching course documents** (coaching information for Certified Teacher coaches is not a part of the individual's TEACH file). Verification of all documentation, including First Aid, CPR and coursework must be provided to a school district's Athletic Department for any school district when actively coaching high school sports.
- Certified Teacher coaches must complete coaching coursework within required timeframe. If coursework has not been completed based on the established timeline, the Certified Teacher can apply for a time extension through the NYSED Office of Curriculum and Instruction. An application is available at the State's website: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/athletics-and-coaching>
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