

Individual Evaluation Pathway VS Institutional Recommendation Pathway

Institutional Recommendations Pathway –

An **Institutional Recommendation Certification Pathway** is when a student completes the educational requirements for a certification as a result of graduating from an approved certification preparation program. Students who graduate from CITE's St. Rose Administration Program, Alfred University School Counseling program and Concordia's And College of Mount St. Vincent's Teacher Preparation programs all complete Institutional Recommendation certification program. This does not automatically grant certification, each certification area requires the completion of additional workshops (Violence Prevention, Dignity for All Students and Child Abuse Reporting). In most case, state tests are required as well.

A student applies for certification through TeachNY they choose the Institutional Recommendation Pathway and enter a program code. Each program has a designated program code. A student's first certification in any area (Administration, School Counseling and Classroom Teaching) **MUST** be achieved through the Institutional Recommendation pathway.

Individual Evaluation Pathway –

An **Individual Evaluation Certification Pathway** is when a student achieves certification by applying to New York State and presenting your transcripts and credentials to the state directly. You cannot use this pathway when applying for your first initial in any certification area, meaning if you hold no certification in Administration, School Counseling or Classroom Teaching you can only use the Institutional Recommendation pathway. You must be certified (Initially or Professionally) in order to get certificated using the individual evaluation certification pathway.

CITE offers 4 Individual Evaluation Pathways; one in Special Education, Bilingual Education (Classroom Teaching), Permanent Certification in School Counseling and TESOL (ENL and ESOL). These individual pathways are used by certified teachers to achieve annotations to their certification and school counselors use these to achieve permanent certification. Students can achieve them by using College of St. Rose and College of Mount St. Vincent non matriculated courses. Individual Evaluation Pathway certifications only work with valid, current certifications.

When advising students on using the Individual Evaluation Pathway we should always recommend that they consult with a State Certification Officer. There are state certification officers at the UFT for union members, 65 Court Street for NYCDOE employees or NYSED in Albany.