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Childhood Education teacher candidates currently complete the Elementary Education edTPA with four tasks for certification, with three of the tasks assessing literacy and one task assessing mathematics. In early October, the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) is renaming this handbook "Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4". This name distinguishes the handbook from their new "Elementary Education: Mathematics with Literacy Task 4" handbook that is a reverse of the current Elementary Education handbook, with three of the tasks assessing mathematics and one task assessing literacy. Both of these four-task handbooks are acceptable for New York State Childhood Education certification. Please note that the three-task Elementary Literacy handbook and three-task Elementary Mathematics handbook will continue to be unacceptable for certification.

Teacher candidates may [change the content area of their edTPA](#) within the first 30 days of registration by contacting [Pearson Customer Service](#). During the first year of implementation of the new elementary education handbook, teacher candidates who inadvertently register for one of the elementary education handbooks, need to switch to the other elementary education handbook, and have not submitted their edTPA could contact Pearson customer service. Teacher candidates should identify which elementary edTPA handbook is the best match for their student teaching placement prior to registering for the edTPA.

. The Department is seeking qualified professionals to serve on the Educational Technology CST and the Business and Marketing CST Framework Review and Item Validation Committees scheduled to convene on November 7 and 8, 2018. Certified P-12 educators and higher education faculty are encouraged to apply and/or nominate