NYSCPG Mission Statement: The New York State Council of Professional Geologists (NYSCPG) is the principal organization of professional geologists responsible for the advancement of the competent and ethical practice of geology in New York State. NYSCPG’s primary missions, on behalf of its members, are to strengthen and advance the application of geological sciences as a profession by providing leadership, advocacy, and education to promote the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and the balanced protection of the environment.

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§7204-a. Definition of the profession of geology
The practice of the profession of geology is defined as performing professional service such as researching, investigating, consulting and geological mapping, describing the natural processes that act upon the earth’s materials, predicting the probable occurrence of natural resources, predicting and locating natural or human-induced phenomena which may be useful or hazardous to humankind and recognizing, determining and evaluating geological factors, and the inspection and performance of geological work and the responsible supervision thereof in furtherance of the health, safety and welfare of the public; provided, however, that geological mapping shall not include the practice of land surveying as defined in section seventy-two hundred three of this article.

§7204-b. Practice of geology and the use of title “professional geologist”
Only a person licensed or otherwise authorized under this article shall practice geology or use the title “professional geologist”.

*§7210. Certificates of authorization
All business entities legally permitted to provide professional geology services in New York State are required to obtain a “Certificate of Authorization to Provide Professional Geology Services in New York State” from the State Education Department according to section 7210 of Education Law.
Individual licensees, who are legally permitted to practice geology in New York State, can obtain a “Certificate of Authorization” according to section 7210 of New York State Education Law, however, they are not required to do so.

§6509 Definitions of professional misconduct/§6512 Unauthorized practice a crime
The laws of the State are clear in regard to unauthorized practice. Section 6512.1 of the Education Law makes it a class E felony for anyone not authorized to practice who practices or offers to practice or holds themselves out as being able to practice professional geology. Section 6509 of the Education Law defines professional misconduct as, among other things, permitting, aiding or abetting

* Effective March 1, 2019
an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license; and, section 6512.2 of the Education Law makes it a class E felony for anyone, including a public official, to knowingly aid or abet three or more unlicensed persons to practice a profession requiring a license.

**Pathway to Licensure**

To be licensed as a professional geologist in New York State you must:

- Be of good moral character;
- Be at least 21 years of age; and
- Meet education, examination, and experience requirements.
- Submit an application for licensure and the other forms indicated, along with the appropriate fee, to the Office of the Professions at the address specified on each form.

The specific requirements for licensure are contained in Title 8, Article 145, section 7206(b) of New York’s Education Law and Part 68 of the Commissioner’s Regulations (http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/geo/geolic.htm).

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**Education and Experience Requirements for Professional Geology Licensure**

1. **BS or BA in Geological Science** (Registered Licensure Qualifying Program)  
   - 5 years Professional Experience  
   - Eligible for FG Exam within 20 credits of graduation

2. **BS or BA in Geological Science** (Registered Licensure Qualifying Program)  
   - MS or PhD Geological Science  
   - 4 years Professional Experience

3. **BS in a related Science or Engineering Program** (Bachelor’s program does not meet educational requirements for a licensure qualifying program)  
   - MS or PhD Geological Science  
   - 4 years Professional Experience

4. **Professional Experience** 8 years of acceptable experience plus  
   - 4 additional years Professional Experience (12 years total)

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**Mt. Marcy, Adirondack Park, NY**

**Helderberg Escarpment, NY**
What is NYSCPG and how can I benefit as a member?

NYSCPG Services
The focus at NYSCPG is four fold: 1) Promote the competent practice of professional geology by adhering to sound ethical, scientific, and geologic principles; 2) Monitor and offer professional reviews and opinions regarding pending legislation and research New York State and local laws and regulations as they pertain to or may affect the practice of geology in New York State; 3) Monitor and offer professional reviews and opinions regarding current laws and regulations and pending legislation so that sensible and practical measures are incorporated to protect public health, safety, and welfare and promote the balanced protection of the environment; and, 4) Encourage stewardship for the profession of applied geology.

What do we do?
- Strengthen the role and importance of the professional practice of geology in the State of New York;
- Advocate and promote professional geologists across the many geologically-related sub-disciplines and practice areas;
- Facilitate continuing education, awareness, and training to our members; and,
- Provide career development, networking opportunities, and other benefits to professionals and students dedicated to the learning, application, and advancement of geological sciences.

How do we do it?
NYSCPG aims to represent the interests of professional geologists and students over a variety of practice disciplines. NYSCPG will advance the science of geology, and its related fields, by encouraging education, training, and awareness through meetings, exchange of information, and providing a common voice on behalf its members. The dues paid by its members allow NYSCPG to advance and promote the profession of geology through building public appreciation for how professional geologists contribute to protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and the balanced protection of the environment.

Who do we serve?
NYSCPG’s leadership team represents not only its members, but also advocates for all NYS-licensed professional geologists, and individuals on the path to a NYS professional geologist license. NYSCPG will fulfill members’ needs with a wide range of useful services (e.g. career development, education, networking opportunities) enabling them to be more effective in their career through advocacy, continuing education, training, and outreach.