

Teacher Preparation

Teacher certification is available in the following fields:

Art

Biology*

Chemistry*

Early Childhood Education (Five-year urban education option with dual certification in ESL)

Early Childhood Education/Special Education (five year, dual certification program)

Early Childhood/Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (five-year, dual certification program)

Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Elementary Education (five-year, dual certification program)

Elementary Education (Five-year urban education option with dual certification in ESL)

English*

Health and Exercise Science

Mathematics*

Integrative STEM Education (iSTEM) offered jointly with Elementary, Early Childhood, Special Education, or Education of the Deaf and Heard of Hearing

Music

Physics*

Secondary Education (in specified subject majors designated by “**”)

Social Studies (through either the History * or the Economics* major)

Spanish*

Special Education/Elementary Education (five-year, dual certification program)

Technology Education

In addition to being admitted to the College and the major, students must be formally accepted into a teacher-education program at the end of their sophomore year. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 is required for students to successfully complete their teacher-education program and be recommended for certification. To help assure that students at The College of New Jersey meet their requirements by graduation: 1) admission to all teacher-education programs, following completion of 16 course units, requires a preferred 3.0 minimum GPA (candidates with a GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 may be conditionally accepted with departmental recommendation) and 2) Acceptance for a student teaching assignment in all teacher education programs requires a 3.0 GPA and a qualifying score on the Praxis II content area test that aligns with the student’s certification area. (Candidates with a GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 require departmental approval to student teach.) Undergraduate students require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, successful completion of all program requirements and a minimum grade of “C” in student teaching to be eligible for an institutional recommendation for certification. Graduate students require a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0, successful completion of all program requirements and a Minimum grade of ‘B-‘ in student teaching to be eligible for an institutional recommendation for certification.

Students in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences who are preparing to teach at the secondary level must take an approved teacher-preparation content major as well as the required sequence of teacher-preparation courses.

Students majoring in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education must also complete an approved liberal arts and sciences major. To avoid extending their program, it is recommended that students declare that major early in their first year. Any student seeking additional endorsements or teaching certificates beyond what is specifically awarded by their academic program should contact the State of New Jersey Department of Education directly for details about any additional courses or standardized tests that may be required.

There are also integrated, five-year, dual certification programs in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Elementary Education, Special Education/Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education/Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Early Childhood Education/Special Education, and Elementary Education (urban education). Students will earn a bachelor's degree without teacher certification at the end of their fourth year. The bachelor's degree will be a dual major with a liberal arts major and an education major. The course of study continues through the following summer and academic year and culminates with the student's earning a Master of Arts in Teaching and eligibility for New Jersey teaching certification. Students will need to meet all requirements of The College of New Jersey and the School of Education at the end of the fourth year in order to be admitted to the fifth year.

Quality of Teacher Preparation (Title II, Higher Education Act Annual Report):

The pass rate for teacher-education students graduating from TCNJ in 2014-2015 on the Praxis II examination required for initial licensure in New Jersey was **95%** percent.