

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ)
Alternate Route Teacher Certification

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (valid until January 2010):

- A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution with a major in, or closely related to your intended teaching field
- A minimum GPA of 2.75 (or GPA of 2.5 prior to 2004 graduations) in any of your degrees (baccalaureate or graduate).
- A passing score on Praxis II Content Area exam(s) in the field(s) which you intend to teach (Praxis exam may be taken during the program)

Program completion documents will be given only to students who submit a copy of their Certificate of Eligibility (CE) from NJ DOE.

- Effective Oct 31, 2009 to apply for a CE, you must have completed "Introduction Teaching Profession 24 hour Course" (SCCC course no: PDV220-41 or 42)

APPLICATION PACKET (will be available at <http://www.sussex.edu/ce/pathways/>):

*** **To register, return items 1-3 below** ***

- 1) Registration Form (SCCC) - check either credit or noncredit
- 2) Application Form (NPTNJ) - check either credit or noncredit & NJCU Information Sheet
- 3) \$250 non-refundable deposit (to be applied towards cost of tuition)
- 4) Agreement – should be signed

*** **Supporting documents in items 5-6 below may be submitted after registration** ***

- 5) Four (three if you have a CE) Official Transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- 6) Copy of your Certificate of Eligibility **OR** CE documentation packet with copies of Praxis II scores and Notarized Oath of Allegiance, and CE Checklist

Note: Schedule hygiene test (if applicable) at 973-579-6996 ext 2, after receiving a tracking number from DOE for your **CE application** (apply online).

CLASS DATES:

The next NPTNJ Stage I sessions (45 hours + 15 hours in-class observation) are scheduled to begin on January 12, April 13, 2010 (12 Mondays 6-9:45 pm) and July 8, 2010 (Mon & Wed).

CONTACT INFORMATION

NJ Department of Education: (609) 292-2070 or <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/>
Sussex County DOE office: (973) 579-6996 ext. 2
ETS (Praxis II exam): (609) 921-9000 or www.ets.org/praxis (11/14/09, 1/9,3/13,4/24,6/12,7/24)
World Education Services: (212) 966-6311 or www.wes.org (foreign degree evaluation)
Language Testing Service: (914) 963-7110 or <http://languagetesting.com> (Oral Proficiency Test)
CLEP Exam Information: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html>
Thomas Edison State College: (888) 442-8372 or <http://tesc.edu> (for transferring credits)
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PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Partnership between New Jersey City University and NJ Community Colleges
- Classes held at local community colleges
- A combination of on-the-job experience and education for those not in a traditional four year education program with student teaching
- Praxis II exam to demonstrate knowledge of discipline content to apply for applicable Certificate of Eligibility (provisional license to teach)
- 2.75 GPA in any qualified four year degree or graduate degree (exceptions available)
- 200 hours (Stage I – 45 hours + 15 hours observation and Stage II - 140 hours) of education in pedagogy in 1st year of teaching plus a Capstone experience
- One year full-time teaching in Provisional Teacher Program
- Optional 15 graduate credits (4 in Stage I and 11 in Stage II) available from NJCU, transferable to MAT programs at NJCU or other Universities
- Completion of Stage I provides exemption for the initial 20 day mentoring at your school
- Expedited processing of Certificate of Eligibility applications by NJ DOE
- Costs for Stage I : Certificate only: \$1225 or Four (4) NJCU Graduate credits \$2745
- Costs for Stage II: Certificate only: \$2350 or Eleven (11) NJCU Graduate credits \$5440

NJ DOE Certificate of Eligibility (CE) Requirements (must apply online)

Elementary Education (K-5):

Any degree as above with at least 60 liberal arts credits and a passing score in Praxis II exam #10014

Elementary Education with Subject Matter Specialization (6-8):

CE eligibility for K-5 as above PLUS a passing score in specific content area, such as Science (#10439), Mathematics (#20069), Social Studies (#20089), Language Arts (#10049), Spanish (#10191), French (#20173), etc., AND 15 credits in the respective content area in addition to Adolescent Psychology

Secondary Education (K-12):

Any qualifying degree as above PLUS a passing Praxis II score in applicable exam(s) in specific content area, such as Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, etc., AND 30 credits in the respective content area

Special Education:

No Praxis exam but must have a primary CE in one or more areas. Must enroll in a State approved Special Ed. Program (26 credits) at a four year college AFTER employment.

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INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING PROFESSION 24-HOUR COURSE (PDV220-42)

New Pathways to Teaching on New Jersey is pleased to offer the new Introduction to Teaching Profession 24-hour course required for alternate route candidates who apply for NJ DOE's Certificate of Eligibility (CE).

This pre-service program recognizes the need for many participants, to begin the process of accepting vast changes in their personal and professional lives. Respecting their expertise, the goals for the pre-service program of study are framed around two critical areas: an overview of and preparation for the skills and tools needed for the teaching profession; and essential attitudes and dispositions needed to maintain poise as novice teachers in diverse communities.

The program's primary intention is to provide a snapshot of teaching. For instance, it addresses concerns related to personal expectations and actualities. Moreover, the program prepares participants to begin their search for a new job. For many, this experience is a means by which to understand what schools are looking for in teachers, to recognize education buzz words, to prepare demonstration lessons and to familiarize the participant with the unique aspects of a "school culture".

Course Content includes:

- ❖ Overview of the Teaching Profession
- ❖ Classroom Management
- ❖ Assessment
- ❖ Lesson Planning Part One
- ❖ Best Practices in Learning Strategies and Literacy Instruction
- ❖ Professional Responsibilities: Finding a Teaching Position
- ❖ The Many Faces of Diversity
- ❖ Technology: Productivity and Professional Practice
- ❖ Lesson Planning Part Two
- ❖ Home-School Connection/Wrap-Up

This is a noncredit course with 20 hours of instruction and a 4-hour class room observation requirement. Upon successful completion, students will receive a certificate, as required by NJ DOE. This certificate must be included in the CE application packet.

To register for this course please visit <http://www.sussex.edu/ce/registration.php> or call 973-300-2140.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sussex.edu/ce/pathways/>