

## **Teacher Preparation-1**

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Teacher certification is available in the following fields:

Art  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Early Childhood Education  
Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Elementary Education (dual certification)  
Elementary Education  
English  
Health and Exercise Science  
Mathematics  
Mathematics/Science/Technology (jointly with Elementary, Early Childhood, or Education of the Deaf and Heard of Hearing)  
Music  
Physics  
Secondary Education (in specified majors)  
Social Studies (through the History or the Economics major)  
Spanish  
Special Education/Elementary Education (dual certification)  
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 2.75 is required for students to successfully complete their teacher-education program and be recommended for certification and licensure. To help assure that students at The College of New Jersey meet their requirements by graduation: 1) admission to candidacy in all teacher-education programs, following completion of 16 course units, requires a 2.5 minimum GPA and 2) admission to student teaching in all teacher-education programs requires a 2.75 minimum GPA. Exceptions involving admission will be considered on an individual basis and granted upon approval of the chair and coordinator of the department offering the program and the Dean of the School of Education.

Students in the Schools of Culture and Society and of Science who are preparing to teach at the secondary level take an approved academic major as well as the required sequence of teacher-preparation courses.

Students majoring in early childhood education, elementary education, education of the deaf and hard of hearing/elementary education (dual certification program), and special education /elementary education (dual certification program) must also complete an approved academic major. To avoid extending their program, they should declare that major early in their first year.

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

The pass rate for teacher-education students graduating from TCNJ in 2005–2006 on the Praxis II examination required for initial licensure in New Jersey was 98 percent.