

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, Special Education,
or Education of the Deaf and Heard of Hearing)
Music
Physics*
Secondary Education (in specified subject majors designated by “**”)
Social Studies (through the History 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.

Students in the Schools of Culture and Society and of Science who are preparing to teach at the secondary level take an approved teacher preparation 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 liberal arts and sciences major. To avoid extending their program, it is recommended that they 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.

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

The pass rate for teacher-education students graduating from TCNJ in 2006–2007 on the Praxis II examination required for initial licensure in New Jersey was 100 percent.