

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 (five-year, dual certification program)
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 (five-year, dual certification program)
Technology Education

Four-Year Bachelor’s Programs

In addition to being admitted to the College and the major, students in elementary/early childhood and all secondary education programs 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 assure these requirements are met:

- 1) Students must seek admission to candidacy in a teacher-education program, following completion of 16 course units and have a minimum 2.5 GPA; and
- 2) Students must have a 2.75 GPA in order to be admitted to student teaching in their senior year.

Students in the School of Culture and Society and in the School 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 and elementary education 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.

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Five-Year Integrated Programs Leading to a Master's Degree

The School of Education at The College of New Jersey offers five-year, integrated Bachelor's/Master's degree programs. Students in these programs will earn a bachelor's degree without certification as a teacher or counselor by the end of their fourth year. The bachelor's degree will include a liberal arts and sciences major and, in some cases, an education major without teacher certification. The course of study typically will continue through the following summer and academic year and culminate with the student's earning a master's degree.

Students in the five-year programs will need to meet program-specific requirements prior to the end of the fourth year in order to be admitted to the fifth year. At the undergraduate level, students must select a liberal arts and sciences major approved by their program (consult individual programs for approved majors). Upon completion of the program, students will receive a master's degree and be eligible for certification in their chosen field.

The following integrated, five-year programs are offered:

- Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Elementary Education leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.
- Special Education/Elementary Education leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.
- Elementary (K-5)/English as a Second Language (certification) leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree. For students interested in urban education.

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

The pass rate for teacher-education students graduating from TCNJ in 2007–2008 on the Praxis II examination required for initial licensure in New Jersey was 100 percent.