

NEW PATHWAYS TO TEACHING IN NEW JERSEY – ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) program provides a process for individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree (or higher) to become licensed teachers without completing a traditional teacher training program. Candidates take courses online while working as a full-time teacher. The program is regulated and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education. Program coursework focuses on developmentally appropriate practices, [curriculum](#), and the knowledge, [skills](#), and dispositions needed to become an effective educator.

The Elementary Education track is for candidates with a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility (CE) in Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6. The program includes 30 graduate credits of instruction over five semesters. The 50-hour Introduction to Teaching class and all New Pathways courses are offered entirely online. Program completers can apply credits earned towards an NJCU master's degree program in education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A copy of a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility (CE) in Elementary School Teacher for Grades K-6 (temporary/limited CE not acceptable). (A list of your certifications can be downloaded from the NJDOE website (<https://njedcert.force.com/manage/s/>).
2. Minimum GPA of a 3.0 or higher
3. A letter from the hiring manager or administrator on letterhead from your school or school district indicating that the school or school district will enroll you in the provisional teacher program and verifying that you are a full-time lead teacher of record.
4. The 50-hour Introduction to Teaching course verification form. NJCU offers this course through the Office of Adult and Continuing Education (<https://www.njcu.edu/academics/adult-and-continuing-education/>). You can REGISTER HERE (https://secure.touchnet.net/C21117_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=4&CATID=66&SINGLESTORE=true) for the course through NJCU.

A letter of completion or NJDOE program verification form can be obtained by the candidate upon completion of the program requirements.

Please refer to Graduate Admissions (<https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/>) to apply to the New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey Program and for the full list of application materials.

Required Courses (All courses are offered online)

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Semester 1		
EDU 628	Learning and Motivation	3
LTED 595	Reading in the Content Areas	3
Credits		6

Semester 2		
EDU 563	Methods for Teaching Mathematics in the Primary Grades K-2	3
LTED 605	Literacy in the Elementary Curriculum	3
Credits		6
Summer 1		
SPEC 508	Helping Exceptional Children and Youth in the Inclusive Classroom	3
Credits		3
Summer 2		
SPEC 675	Corrective Techniques for Teaching the Exceptional Student	3
Credits		3
Second Year		
Semester 1		
EDU 691	Curriculum Integrating Social Studies World Cultures Literature	3
EDU 564	Methods for Teaching Mathematics in the Primary Grades 3-6	3
Credits		6
Semester 2		
EDTC 621	Leading Curriculum Change Using the Internet	3
EDU 693	Educational Assessment	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		30

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Our candidates demonstrate mastery of the subject matter they plan to teach.
2. Our candidates demonstrate their pedagogical knowledge, integrating their understanding of their pupils' developmental levels, individual differences, learning exceptionalities, and sociocultural backgrounds.
3. Our candidates demonstrate effective instruction, caring behavior, and reflection to improve practice.
4. Our candidates know and value how individuals are shaped by their life experiences as mediated by factors such as social class, gender, race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, age, and social needs. Our candidates know, value, and engage in culturally responsive teaching to promote social justice, particularly in our urban areas.
5. Our candidates are able to use appropriate technology in carrying out their professional responsibilities.