

Combined New Pathways to Teaching and Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD)

Candidates interested in completing the Alternate Route in Special Education will need to complete two certification programs. In New Jersey, the Teacher of Students with Disabilities is added onto a general education certificate so you will need to complete NPTNJ for your general education certification and Special Education courses for your TOSD certification. You can do these at the same time. Here is the process:

1. Complete all New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) Courses. You can find more information and apply online here: www.njcu.edu/nptnj. When you complete these courses and two years of teaching, you are eligible to apply for your standard certification.
2. Complete 21 credits of required special education courses to qualify for the TOSD endorsement (no Praxis to apply for the TOSD). You can complete 2 of the 7 special education courses while you are doing the NPTNJ courses. Apply for NPTNJ here: <https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/graduate-degrees/special-education-mattosd>
3. Optional Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education. Complete NPTNJ, 21 credits in special education for the TOSD, plus an additional 3 credits in special education AND pass the Praxis II 5354. **Twelve (12)** NPTNJ credits are accepted into the degree program so that you are eligible for the Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education.

Eligibility for Elementary Certification and TOSD certification Course Sequence

Admission Requirements:

1. A completed graduate application form, including a \$55 non-refundable application fee
2. A 250-500 word essay discussing why you want to be a teacher, why you choose education as your profession, and why you for pursuing admission to the program to which you are applying
3. Official transcripts from all previous U.S. colleges attended or official [NACES](#) course-by-course evaluation of any foreign transcripts. Applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher from a bachelor's or master's degree program.
4. Two professional letters of recommendation
5. A copy of a regular New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility in Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (temporary CE not acceptable) (a list of your certifications can be downloaded on [NJDOE website](#))*
6. Official documentation of [English Language Proficiency](#) (TOEFL/IELTS) if applicable
7. Passing scores on Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators [or waiver if applicable](#). If you believe you are exempt from taking any section of the Praxis Core because of qualifying SAT, ACT, or GRE scores, you will need to provide a score report.
8. Passing scores on Praxis II Content Knowledge.

*All courses are taken online.

9. Minimum GPA of a 3.0 or higher (*even if you already hold a state issued CE*)
10. Employment verification letter from the hiring manager or administrator on letterhead from your school or school district. Employment as a full time teacher in a New Jersey school is required for admission in the program.
11. 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 with the State of New Jersey. This is to be sent directly from the school/school district to NJCU.
12. 50 hour Introduction to Teaching course verification form. NJCU offers this course through the the [Office of Professional and Lifelong Learning](#) (PELL) department. You can [REGISTER HERE](#) for the course through NJCU.

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Course Guide
Elementary Education with TOSD

Semester 1	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>EDU 500</i> Classroom Management (1 credit)	<i>SPEC 605</i> Introduction to Education & Psychology of Exceptional Children & Youth (3 credits)
<i>EDU 628</i> Learning and Development (3 credits)	
Semester 2	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>LTED 605</i> Literacy in the Elem Curriculum (3 credits)	<i>SPEC 508</i> Helping Exceptional Children & Youth in the Inclusive Classroom (3 credits)
<i>EDTC 621</i> Using the Internet in Ed./ Leading Curr. Change Using the Internet (3 credits)	
Summer Session (Year 1)	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
N/A	<i>SPEC 505</i> Working with Families of Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
	<i>SPEC 600</i> Introduction to Learning Disabilities (3 credits)
Semester 3	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>EDU 691</i> Curriculum Integrating Social Studies, World Culture, Literature (3 credits)	<i>SPEC 675</i> Corrective Techniques for Teaching the Exceptional Student (3 credits)
Semester 4	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>EDU 693</i> Educational Assessment (3 credits)	<i>SPEC 669</i> Developing Communication Skills in Atypical Learners (3 credits)
<i>EDU 672</i> Internship Seminar (2 credits)	
Summer Session (Year 2)	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
Courses completed.	<i>SPEC 640</i> Emotional and Behavior Disorders in Children & Youth (3 credits)
Optional Course to complete MAT in Special Education + passing score Praxis II 5354	
<i>SPEC 629</i> Teaching the Children with Autism (3 credits)	

*All courses are taken online.

Course Guide
Secondary Education with TOSD

Semester 1	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>EDU 500</i> Classroom Management (1 credit)	<i>SPEC 605</i> Introduction to Education & Psychology of Exceptional Children & Youth (3 credits)
<i>EDU 628</i> Learning and Development (3 credits)	
Semester 2	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>LTED 607</i> Reading the Secondary School (3 credits)	<i>SPEC 508</i> Helping Exceptional Children & Youth in the Inclusive Classroom (3 credits)
<i>EDU 649</i> Secondary and Middle School Curriculum (3 credits)	
Summer Session (Year 1)	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
N/A	<i>SPEC 505</i> Working with Families of Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
	<i>SPEC 600</i> Introduction to Learning Disabilities (3 credits)
Semester 3	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>EDTC 621</i> Using the Internet in Ed./Leading Curr. Change Using the Internet (3 credits)	<i>SPEC 675</i> Corrective Techniques for Teaching the Exceptional Student (3 credits)
Semester 4	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
<i>EDU 693</i> Educational Assessment (3 credits)	<i>SPEC 669</i> Developing Communication Skills in Atypical Learners (3 credits)
<i>EDU 672</i> Internship Seminar (2 credits)	
Summer Session (Year 2)	
NPTNJ Courses	Special Education Courses
Courses completed.	<i>SPEC 640</i> Emotional and Behavior Disorders in Children & Youth (3 credits)
<i>Optional Course to complete MAT in Special Education</i> <i>SPEC 629</i> Teaching the Children with Autism (3 credits)	

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