

COMBINED NEW PATHWAYS TO TEACHING AND TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, M.A.T.

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 the candidate must complete NPTNJ for general education certification as well as Special Education courses for the TOSD certification. The 36-credit Master of Arts (MAT) in Teaching degree program includes a 21-credit Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD) endorsement eligibility program.

Candidates **MUST** apply for this program and become matriculated through the Admissions Office.

A GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 is required for admission and a minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for graduation, along with a copy of an NJ standard instructional certificate in an area of general education, which may be achieved through the NPTNJ Program (<https://www.njcu.edu/academics/professional-education-and-lifelong-learning/new-pathways-teaching-nj/>).

Degree candidates complete the full NPTNJ program (<https://www.njcu.edu/academics/professional-education-and-lifelong-learning/new-pathways-teaching-nj/>). Twelve of the credits from NPTNJ will be accepted into the MAT program. Candidates take an additional 24 Special Education credits, and pass a PRAXIS examination number 5354 Core Knowledge and Applications. Candidates are advised to check the Praxis number with the Special Education Department before taking the examination to be sure the number has not changed. Practice materials for the Praxis examination are available through the Frank Guarini Library.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To maintain eligibility for continued enrollment in the Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification eligibility program (first 21 credits) as well as the Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education program (33 credits), candidates must maintain a minimum graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 out of 4.0 throughout their course of study at the University. Falling below a 3.0 GPA will result in removal from either program, with no recourse for readmission.

On successful completion of the TOSD program, candidates may apply for the endorsement through the Administrator for Certification in the Center for Teacher Preparation and Partnerships in P203A. They may submit an application for the TOSD along with a copy of their New Jersey teaching certificate (CEAS or Standard) in an instructional area of general education. Candidates are advised NOT to apply on their own but through the University as it is much more efficient to apply through the University. Application for the TOSD is completed through the Certification Administrator, Ms. Cynthia Vazquez, in the Center for Teacher Preparation and Partnerships in P203A.

Candidates must successfully pass a comprehensive or Praxis II examination in completing the degree. In the 2017-2018 academic year, Special Education Core Knowledge and Applications (ETS Praxis 5354) applies and practice is highly recommended. Practice materials

are available through the Frank Guarini Library. Although the Praxis is not required by the state of New Jersey, it is required for the degree. Candidates are encouraged to check the examination number with the Special Education Office to be sure there has been no change.

When applying for graduation (approximately a semester beforehand), candidates (not ETS) must send their scanned Praxis II score to:

Renita Bhimdass, Secretary

Department of Special Education
New Jersey City University
2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Jersey City, NJ 07305
Phone: (201)200-3023
Email: rbhimdass@njcu.edu (<https://catalog.njcu.edu/graduate/education/special-education/special-education-with-nptnj-program-mat/rbhimdass@njcu.edu>)

In addition, scores should be sent to:

Graduation Clearance
Registrar's Office
New Jersey City University
2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Jersey City, NJ 07305
Phone: (201)200-2121
Email: UGRADCLEARNC@njcu.edu

Complete all New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) Courses. See NPTNJ Program (<https://www.njcu.edu/academics/professional-education-and-lifelong-learning/new-pathways-teaching-nj/>). Once New Pathways courses are completed with two years of teaching, the candidate is eligible to apply for his/her standard certification.

Convert 12 New Pathways credits to NJCU credits through the NPTNJ Office. Email Ms. Lola Martinez at lmartinez@njcu.edu. Complete 21 credits of special education coursework to qualify for the TOSD endorsement. Complete these courses while completing the NPTNJ courses. The New Jersey Department of Education allows six years to complete both programs. Apply here: <https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions> (<https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/>)

Optional Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education. With an additional 3 credits in special education coursework, we will accept 12 credits of the NPTNJ coursework into the degree program which will provide eligibility for the Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education.

The 36-credit Master of Arts (MAT) in Teaching degree program combines 24 credits in special education (21-credits are for the Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD) endorsement eligibility program) plus 12 credits which must be converted from NPTNJ to NJCU. Candidates are required to pass a comprehensive (PRAXIS II) examination, number 5354 called "Core Knowledge and Applications" for the degree, not the certificate. Candidates are advised to check the Praxis number with the Special Education Department before taking the examination to be sure the number has not changed. Practice materials for the Praxis examination are available through the Frank Guarini Library.

Candidates **MUST** apply for either the T.O.S.D. or the M.A.T. program and become accepted to the certificate program or matriculated for

the degree program through the Admissions Office. Apply online at <https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions> (<https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/>). Transfer credits do not apply to this Program.