

School of Education

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Creating Agents of Change

Creating Agents of Change is the conceptual framework for professional education at The College of New Jersey, guiding all programs in the School of Education and throughout the College. Based on current thinking, research, and practice regarding the nature of learning, teaching, schooling, and leadership, the framework supports the creation of an informed, active, and reflective educator and practitioner who is effective in influencing positive change in multiple academic, clinical, and professional settings. The mission statement and guiding principles define our shared vision of Creating Agents of Change.

Mission Statement

Consistent with The College of New Jersey's clear public service mandate, The School of Education is committed to preparing exceptional teachers and clinicians. The basic tenet underlying our practice is our accepted truth that all individuals can learn and grow, and deserve schools/clinics and teachers/clinicians that respect their individual needs and circumstances while striving to give them the knowledge and skills to be successful in the larger society. Furthermore, we accept as truth the ideal that education is key to addressing the inequalities that exist in society, and that teachers and other school professionals can and should be agents for positive social change.

Therefore, through ongoing partnerships with our colleagues in K–12 education and state government, faculty of the School of Education remain dedicated to the core mission of producing high-quality professionals who possess solid content knowledge, demonstrated clinical competence, and a clearly articulated belief that all individuals deserve the highest quality practices in their schools and clinics.

Guiding Principles

The following five principles form a statement of beliefs that provides a framework that guides our day-to-day practice.

Principle One: Demonstrating Subject Matter Expertise. We believe that teaching is a profession. As such, professional teachers should develop a solid base of knowledge in such areas as literacy, numeracy, child development, learning theory, exceptionality, and pedagogical techniques. All teaching candidates will complete their programs at The College of New Jersey eligible to be considered “highly qualified.”

Principle Two: Demonstrating Excellence in Planning and Practice. We believe that our professional candidates must develop sophisticated pedagogical knowledge to design and implement effective instruction or interventions. They should possess an in-depth understanding of human growth and development to enable them to make developmentally appropriate decisions. They should be fully immersed, in both the college classroom and in the field, in a social-constructivist perspective of learning and its implications for student-centered planning, scaffolded learning experiences, and the use of a wide repertoire of instructional strategies, including appropriate use of current technology. We believe that our professional candidates should appreciate the importance of a productive learning environment in which teachers and children communicate effectively and respectfully.

Principle Three: Demonstrating a Commitment to ALL Learners. We believe that our professional candidates should have the skill and the will to help all learners reach their full potential. Our candidates must believe in the ability of all students to learn and grow, must be able to implement the principles of culturally responsive teaching and differentiated instruction, and must understand the importance of partnerships with families, community members, and other professionals to address children's diverse needs. We believe our candidates need to experience diverse teaching/clinical settings in their programs at TCNJ and that students should be encouraged and supported to take advantage of opportunities to develop global perspectives through study abroad and international student teaching.

Principle Four: Demonstrating a Strong, Positive Effect on Student Growth. We believe that our professional candidates must see their success in terms of the progress made by their students. We are supportive of the underlying principle that all children should make progress in school. Our candidates must understand how to accurately assess their learners' strengths and needs through a variety of assessment tools, and how to use assessment information to provide effective data-driven instruction or interventions. Our candidates must also demonstrate an ability to effectively communicate information to a variety of audiences, including parents and guardians.

Principle Five: Demonstrating Professionalism, Advocacy, and Leadership. We believe that our professional candidates need to continue to develop their theoretical knowledge and practical skills well after they complete their program and enter their chosen career. As we strive to admit highly capable, high-achieving candidates into our program, we believe that our candidates are in a unique position to become future leaders, advocating not only for the needs of children and youth in New Jersey, but also for the educational professions at large. Our programs focus on developing reflective thinking skills, as well as providing opportunities for our candidates to participate in various field experiences that require them to see themselves as professionals and to take on leadership roles.

Graduate Study in Education

Education at the graduate level is vital to realizing the School of Education's mission in “the preparation and ongoing professional development” of educators and clinicians. Through graduate study, students may prepare to enter a new field or to develop and enhance skills and abilities critical to maintaining excellence in the practice of the profession to which they already belong. Graduate study emphasizes depth of knowledge; the importance of drawing critical connections among theory, research, and practice; and the ongoing need to approach one's work in a spirit of inquiry. The degree and non-degree programs described below within departments exemplify the School of Education's commitment to providing leadership and maintaining excellence across the continuum of professional practice.

In addition to meeting all specific program requirements and passing all state-required licensure exams, the following items are required for NJ State-issued certification to work in NJ schools:

1. Candidates for instructional certificates shall have completed a course or shall pass an examination in health and physiology issues. [NJ Administrative Code, section 6A:9-5.9]
2. Candidates for all types of certificates shall have satisfactorily completed a program on HIB (harassment, intimidation and bullying) prevention. [N.J.S.A. 18A:26.8.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9-16.7]

Information is available at the TCNJ Certification Office.

Master of Arts in Teaching

The Master of Arts in Teaching program consists of a core of courses that all degree candidates will complete, plus various specialization courses to meet state certification requirements in a particular discipline. The specialization disciplines currently include early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, and special education.

The program provides an immersion option that will allow a cohort of full-time students to complete the program in one academic year beginning and ending with a summer session. Students who are employed full time may complete the new program on a part-time basis beginning in the summer or fall.

In order to become certified, students successfully completing the Master of Arts in Teaching program must take and pass the PRAXIS Examination in their area of specialization and must also complete the state of New Jersey hygiene-physiological requirement.

Early Childhood Specialization (ELEC_MAT02, ELEC_MAT03)

Program A—No Prior Teaching Certificate (ELEC_MAT02)

Program B—TCNJ Alternate Route P-3 Certified (ELEC_MAT03)

Jody Eberly, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Early Childhood Education (MAT)
In order to earn P-3 certification through the P-3 Alternate Route, students must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility through the NJDOE (this requires completion of the P-3 24-hour pre-service course and a passing score on the state-mandated PRAXIS test for P-3 certification); must complete our 15-credit sequence of courses; and must complete the Provisional Teaching Program through their school/district.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.

Present an undergraduate major (or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences course work

Undergraduate program must include:

- English—two college-level courses minimum
- Mathematics—two college-level courses minimum
- Science—two college-level courses minimum
- Social Studies—two college-level courses minimum
(one of the courses must be U.S. History)

(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the MAT program
- Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites
- Grade of B– or better in Internship II
- Program A 36 credits
- Program B 35 credits

Required Courses (Program A):

Summer I	7 cr.
EDUC 501/Exploring Teaching	
ECED 640/Development and Learning	
Fall I	12 cr.
ECED 504/Teaching Young Children: Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities	
EDUC 694/Internship I	
ECED 560/Curriculum Experiences for Young Children in the Inclusive Classroom	
MATH 596/Concepts and Methods of Teaching Math in Elementary Grades	

Spring I	11 cr.
ELEM 690/Student Teaching Seminar	
ECED 620/Multicultural and Social Foundations of Emergent and Early Literacy	
ECED 695/Internship II	

Summer I	16 cr.
EDUC 615/Capstone Experience: The Teaching Professional	
RDLG 570/Issues in Literacy Instruction	
EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships	
ECED 700/Comprehensive Examination	

Required Courses (Program B):

Transferred Courses from TCNJ P-3

Alternate Route Certification	15 cr.
ECED 504/Teaching Young Children: Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities	
ECED 560/Curriculum Experiences for Young Children in the Inclusive Classroom	
ECED 620/Multicultural and Social Foundations of Emergent and Early Literacy	
ECED 640/Development and Learning of the Young Child	
ECED 651/P-3 Mentored Internship I	
ECED 652/P-3 Mentored Internship II	
ECED 655/Clinical Seminar in Early Childhood Education I	
ECED 656/Clinical Seminar in Early Childhood Education II	

Summer I	6 cr.
EDUC 501/Exploring Teaching	
EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships	

Fall I	6 cr.
ELEM 522/Methods for Teaching Science in the Inclusive Classroom	
MATH 596/Concepts and Methods of Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades	

Spring I	8 cr.
ELEM 520/Multicultural Social Studies Methods	
EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities	
RDLG 570/Issues in Literacy Instruction	

Summer II	0 cr.
EDUC 615/Capstone Experience: The Teaching Professional	
ECED 700/Comprehensive Examination	

Elementary Education Specialization (ELEC_MAT01)

Brenda Leake, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Elementary Education (MAT)

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.

Present an undergraduate major (or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences course work

Undergraduate program must include:

- English—two college-level courses minimum
- Mathematics—two college-level courses minimum
- Science—two college-level courses minimum
- Social Studies—two college-level courses minimum
(one of the courses must be U.S. History)

(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the MAT program
 Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites
 Grade of B or better in Internship II
 And grade of B or better in Method courses
 36 credits

Required Courses: The courses in the list below are required for the Elementary MAT program. This listing of the required courses illustrates the course sequence plan for full-time students who begin the program in a summer semester. However, alternative course sequence plans are available for students who begin in a fall or spring semester. Additionally, alternative course sequencing is available for students who may need to begin the program in part-time student status. Each MAT student must speak with the program coordinator to insure that s/he is following an appropriate approved course sequence.

Summer I 6 cr.

EDUC 501/Exploring Teaching
 EPSY 523/Advanced Child and Adolescent Development

Fall I 13 cr.

EDUC 694/Internship I
 RDLG 537/Language Arts Literacy
 ELEM 520/Multicultural Social Studies Methods
 ELEM 521/Methods for Teaching Science in the
 Inclusive Classroom
 MATH 596/Concepts and Methods of Teaching Math in
 the Elementary Grades

Spring I 11 cr.

EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities
 ELEM 690/Student-Teaching Seminar
 ELEM 695/Internship II

Summer II 6 cr.

EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships
 EDUC 615/Capstone Experience: The Teaching Professional
 RDLG 570/Issues in Literacy Instruction
 EDUC 700/Comprehensive Examination

Elementary/English as a Second Language (certification) Leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree for Students Interested in Urban Education Specialization (ELEU_MAT01)—Five-Year Program (for TCNJ students only—Full-Five Year Undergraduate/Graduate Program)

Tabitha Dell'Angelo, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Urban Education

The Department of Elementary and Early Education offers a program that prepares students to be teachers in urban schools. This five-year program, featuring a double major with dual certification, culminates in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and New Jersey teaching certification in either Elementary Education or Early Childhood Education and English as a Second Language.

At the end of the fourth year, students earn a bachelor's degree in their liberal arts major and elementary or early childhood education. The course of study continues through the following summer and academic year and culminates in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Graduates of the program are considered "highly qualified" teachers and therefore meet current requirements for obtaining employment in New Jersey school districts.

Admission Requirements:

Only students who have completed a bachelor's degree in the elementary education program at TCNJ may matriculate into ECAU_MAT01. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 to matriculate into the fifth-year portion of the program.

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the MAT program
 Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites—
 30 credits
 Grade of B– or better in Internship II

Required Courses: 20 cr.

ESLM 525/Second Language Acquisition
 ESLM 545/Structure of Language and Proficiency Assessment
 ESLM 577/Sociolinguistics/Cultural Foundations for Second
 Language Education
 ESLM 578/Theory and Practice of Teaching a Second Language
 ESLM 579/Language and Literacy for Second Language Learners
 ESLM 587/Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment for Second
 Language Education
 EDUC 690/Seminar

Elective (choose 1)

SPED 525/Inclusive Practices
 ELEM 515/Conflict Resolution
 EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities

Field Experience: 9 cr.

EDUC 694/Internship I
 ELEM 695/Internship II: Student Teaching/ESL Practicum

Secondary Education Specialization (SECE_MAT01: English, SECE_MAT02: Social Studies)

Greg Seaton, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Secondary Education (MAT)

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
 Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please
 visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.
 Present an undergraduate major or 30 semester-hour credits in a
 coherent sequence of courses in the subject teaching field
 (Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the MAT program
 Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites
 Grade of B- or better in Internship II and grade of B or better in
 Methods courses
 36 credits
 TCNJ's MAT program is closely aligned with state (NJPTS) and
 national teaching standards (NCATE). These standards address both
 teacher knowledge and disposition. Consequently, to successfully
 complete (or advance through) the MAT program, students MUST
 demonstrate appropriate professional knowledge and disposition.
 There are no exceptions.
 36 credits

Required Courses:**Summer I 6 cr.**

EDUC 501/Exploring Teaching
 and
 EPSY 524/Adolescent Development and Education
 or
 EPSY 513/Psychology of Learning

Fall I 12 cr.

SCED 694/Internship I
 RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy
 SCED 510/Curriculum of the Secondary School
 SCED 590/Methods in the Content Area (English,
 Social Studies)

Spring I	12 cr.
EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities	
SCED 695/Internship II	
SCED 667/Issues in Secondary Education	
Summer II	6 cr.
EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships	
EDUC 615/Capstone Experience: The Teaching Professional	
EDUC 700/Comprehensive Examination	
EDFN 520/Social Problems and Education	
or	
EDFN 521/Cultural Foundations of Education	

STEM Education Specialization (SECE_MAT03–Mathematics, SECE_MAT04—Science: Biology, Chemistry or Physics, EDTE_MAT01–Technology Education)

Dr. James Beyers, Co-Coordinator, Graduate Program in Secondary Education, STEM Education Specialization (MAT)

Dr. Cathy Liebars, Co-Coordinator, Graduate Program in Secondary Education, STEM Education Specialization (MAT)

Dr. Steve O'Brien, Co-Coordinator, Graduate Program in Secondary Education, STEM Education Specialization (MAT)

The Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) is an intensive graduate program leading to teacher certification in one of the STEM content areas. Full-time students enter as a cohort in the first summer semester. The 33-credit hour program consists of a core of common courses taken by students in all licensure areas and a set of specialized courses organized by content area. Core courses provide the skills and aptitudes required by all teachers in all STEM areas and lay the foundation for a professional career in teaching.*

*For New Jersey certification, candidates must meet the state health/physiology requirement.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply
Present an undergraduate major or 30 semester-hour credits in a coherent sequence of courses in the subject teaching field (Also see page Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the MAT program
Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites

Required Courses:

Summer I	9 cr.
TCED 560/Integrative-STEM-I	
EPSY 524/Adolescent Development and Learning	
SCED 590/Content Area Methods	
[TCED 592 for Technology Education]	
Fall I	9 cr.
SCED 694/Pedagogy and Practice I	
SCED 578/Equity and Diversity in Public Education	
TCED 591/MATH 590/PHYS 570/BIOL 570/CHEM 570, Curr. Content course	
Spring I	12 cr.
SCED 695/Pedagogy and Practice II	
SPED 523/Content Literacy and Inclusion of Pupils with Disabilities at the Secondary Level	
SCED 667/Classroom Inquiry	
Summer II	3 cr.
SCED 667/Classroom Inquiry-Continued	
TCED 660/Integrative-STEM-II	

Health and Physical Education Specialization (HPEM_MAT01)

Anne Farrell, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Health and Physical Education, MAT

The Master of Art in Teaching Health and Physical Education prepares students to become certified teachers in health/physical education in K–12 programs. The program requires all degree candidates to have completed 45 hours of undergraduate content specific course work. Within these 45 credits, 30 (minimum) must be specific to one of two specified content areas (physical education or health) and 15 credits (minimum) must be specific to the other content. Within the 45 credits, 12 credits (minimum) must be composed of upper level courses (300/400 level).

The program is designed to allow a cohort of full-time students to complete the MAT in one calendar year beginning and ending with a summer session. Students who are employed full time may also elect to complete the program on a part-time basis.

In order to become certified, students successfully completing the Master of Arts in Teaching program must take and pass the PRAXIS Examination in their area of specialization (Health and Physical Education) and must complete the state of New Jersey hygiene-physiological requirement.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
with a grade point average of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale)
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.
Present an undergraduate major (or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences course work
Undergraduate program must include:
English—two college-level courses minimum
Mathematics—two college-level courses minimum
Science—two college-level courses minimum
Social Studies—two college-level courses minimum
(one of the courses must be U.S. history)

Graduation Requirements:

Must meet undergraduate content area knowledge requirement of 30 credits
A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the MAT program
Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites
Required content areas of study are: For primary content, five out of the following six areas must be studied and for secondary content, three out of the following six areas must be studied.

Physical Education

Foundations/Introductory Courses
Health and Wellness
Developmental*
Individual, Dual, Group Activities*
Human Structure
Assessment and Evaluation

An * denotes content area required.

Required content areas of study are: For primary content, five out of the following six areas must be studied and for secondary content, three out of the following six areas must be studied.

Health

Comprehensive Health*
Current Health and Wellness
Family Living and Sexuality
Drug Prevention and Abuse
Nutrition
Injury Prevention

An * denotes content area required.

Summer I	6 cr.
EDUC 501/Exploring Teaching	3
EPSY 523/Psychology of Learning	3
Fall I	12 cr.
HPEM 694/Internship I	3
RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy	3
HPEM 554/Curriculum and Program Construction in HPE	3
HPEM 590/Methods of Elementary and Secondary HPE	3
Spring I	11 cr.
EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities	3
HPEM 695/Internship II (Student Teaching)	6
HPEM 698/Seminar in HPE	2
EDUC 615/Capstone Experience: The Teaching Professional	0
Summer II	6 cr.
EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships	3
HPEM 653/Problems and Issues in HPE	3
HPEM 700/Comprehensive Examination	0

Special Education Specialization (SEDD_MAT01)

Amy Dell, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Special Education (MAT)

This Master of Arts in Teaching program is a 39-credit program that culminates in a master's degree along with dual certification in special education and elementary education. Encompassing skills in the areas of positive behavior supports, differentiated instruction, curriculum adaptation, literacy, and math, this initial certification program provides students with a comprehensive repertoire of strategies designed to prepare them to teach diverse learners. Courses are based on the current best practices in the field.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply

Present an undergraduate major (or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences course work

Undergraduate program must include:

- English—two college-level courses minimum
- Mathematics—two college-level courses minimum
- Science—two college-level courses minimum
- Social Studies—two college-level courses minimum
- (one of the courses must be U.S. history)

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the MAT program
Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites—39 credits
Grade of B or better in Internship I and Internship II

Required Courses:

- SPED 501/Students with Disabilities in Our Schools
- EPSY 523/Advanced Child and Adolescent Development
- EDUC 694 or SPED 691/Internship I
- RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy
- ELEM 522/Methods for Teaching Science and Math in the Inclusive Classroom
- SPED 612/Curriculum and Methods for Students with Mild Disabilities
- EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities
- SPED 605/Language and Reading Strategies for Students with Disabilities
- SPED 626/Curriculum design for Individuals with Severe Disabilities
- EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships

- SPED 521/Assistive Technology
- PRAXIS exam: Elementary Education: Multiple subjects

Fall II

- SPED 695/Internship II*
- EDUC 615/Capstone Experience: The Teaching Professional
- SPED 700/Comprehensive Examination

6 cr.

*Internship II must take place at the elementary level in a public school setting.

Special Education Specialization (SPEC_MAT02)— Five-Year Program (for TCNJ students only—Full Five-Year Undergraduate/Graduate Program)

Amy Dell, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Special Education

The Department of Special Education, Language, and Literacy offers a program that prepares students to be teachers of students with disabilities. This five-year program, featuring a double major with dual certification, culminates in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and New Jersey teaching certification in Elementary K–5 and Special Education.

The program meets the standards and requirements of:

- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- New Jersey State Department of Education
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

At the end of the fourth year, students earn a bachelor's degree in their liberal arts major and special education without certification. The course of study continues through the following summer and academic year and culminates in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Graduates of the program are considered "highly qualified" teachers and therefore meet current requirements for obtaining employment in New Jersey school districts.

Admission Requirements:

Only students who have completed a bachelor's degree in the Special/Elementary Education program at TCNJ may matriculate into SPEC_MAT02. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 to matriculate into the fifth-year portion of the program.

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the MAT program
Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites—31 credits
Grade of B– or better in Internship II

Required Courses:

- SPED 664/Research in Special Education
- SPED 522/Remedial Instruction
- SPED 515/Multicultural Social Studies Instruction for Students with Disabilities
- SPED 521/Assistive Technology
- EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnership

15 cr.

Field Experience

- SPED 695/Internship II: Student Teaching
- SPED 597/Special Topics: Seminar

7 cr.

Specialty Electives

9 cr.

Track I-BVI Specialty

- SPED 675/Research on Implications of Blindness and Visual Impairment
- SPED 673/Literary Braille and Methods for Instruction
- SPED 672/Strategies for Teaching Students Who are B/VI

Track II-Literacy Specialty

- SPED 609/Assessment and Remediation of Severe Reading Disabilities
- RDLG 571/Language and Teaching Reading
- RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy

Track III-Severe Disabilities

- SPED 648/Positive Behavior Supports for Extreme Behaviors
- SPED 647/Communication Development of Students with Significant Disorders
- SPED 631/Transition and Community Based Instruction

Track IV-Emotional Disturbance

- RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy
- SPED 648/Positive Behavior Supports for Extreme Behaviors
- SPED 609/Assessment and Remediation of Severe Reading Disabilities

Elementary Education Content Knowledge Praxis Exam Scores

(To be completed in the final semester of the senior year)

Comprehensive Examination: SPED 700

Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Elementary Education (DHHA_MAT01)—Five-Year Program (for TCNJ students only—Full Five-Year Undergraduate/Graduate Program)

Barbara K. Strassman, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Elementary Education (MAT)

The Department of Special Education, Language, and Literacy offers a program that prepares students to be teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This five-year program, featuring a double major with dual certification, culminates in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and New Jersey teaching certifications in education of the deaf and hard of hearing and in elementary education. The program meets the standards and requirements of:

- Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- New Jersey State Department of Education
- Council on the Education of the Deaf (CED)

At the end of the fourth year, students earn a bachelor's degree in their liberal arts major and in education of the deaf and hard of hearing without certification. The course of study continues through the following summer and academic year and culminates in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Graduates of the program are then eligible for certifications as Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Oral/Aural Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing Sign Language Communication and Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6, all subjects. Candidates are also "highly qualified" to teach any category of learners in grades K-6. Above the 6th grade level, candidates are eligible for employment as support and resource teachers, as well as consultative capacities including supplemental instruction to deaf or hard of hearing students. Depending upon college course work and examinations passed, candidates may be eligible for additional endorsements (certificates), enabling them to teach all students in subject areas above the 6th grade instructional level, where eligibility for employment varies with the nature of the teaching position and school/districts' classification of learners related to the position.

Admission Requirements:

Only students who have completed a bachelor's degree in the Deaf/Elementary Education program at TCNJ may matriculate into the MAT. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to matriculate into the MAT portion of the program.

Graduation Requirements:

Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the MAT program
 Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites—33 credits (no more than 3 cr. may be accepted from another institution as transfer credit in this program)
 Grade of B or better in Student Teaching (no transfer credit will be accepted for Student Teaching)

Required Courses:**Senior Year of Undergraduate Program 6 cr.**

- DFHH 530/Speech Development in Deaf
- DFHH 522/Assistive Listening Devices and Auditory Management of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Individuals

Summer and Following Year 27 cr.

- EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships
- EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities
- ELEM 520/Multicultural Social Studies (2 credits)
- RDLG 579/Reading in the Content Areas

or

- An approved course in reading or language arts
- ESLM 578/Theory and Practice of Teaching a Second Language

or

- ESLM 525/Second Language Acquisition

or

- ESLM 587/Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment for Second Language Education
- DFHH 690/Culminating Field Experience DHH
- DFHH 597/Special Topics in Special Education (1 credit)
- ELEM 695/Culminating Field Experience Elementary Ed.
- DFHH 700/Comprehensive Exam

Master of Arts in Counselor Education (COUN_MA_01), (COUN_MA_06), (COUN_MA_07)

Atsuko Seto, Chair, Department of Counselor Education

The Department of Counselor Education at The College of New Jersey is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.
- Interview (to be arranged by the department)

Candidates for the Masters of Arts in Counseling programs must present a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, meet college matriculation requirements, and attend an interview with the department faculty. In addition to the above criteria, consideration will be given to the candidate's openness to personal and professional self-development, potential success in developing interpersonal relationships in a counseling context, and prior relevant experiences. Meeting these minimum criteria does not guarantee admission to the department.

Those seeking Pennsylvania school counselor certification must also present evidence of their successfully passing the School Guidance and Counseling Praxis Test and a series of Pre-Professional Skills Tests, all of which are administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Graduation Requirements:

1. In accordance with college policy, all graduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. Any student whose GPA falls below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation and will be dismissed if an overall GPA of 3.0 is not achieved by the end of a probationary semester.
2. A minimum grade of B or better in COUN 501, 670, 675, 690, and 693 (or 694/695) is required. With Departmental approval students who receive a grade of B-, C+, C, or C- in these courses or their pre-requisites will be permitted to retake the course(s) in question only once to improve their grade and remain in the program. Failure to obtain a B or better in the second attempt will result in automatic termination. No student who has received a grade of B- or lower in a prerequisite course(s) will be permitted to enroll in COUN 670, 675,

690 or 693 (or 694/695). A student receiving an “F” grade in any course will automatically be denied continuance in the Department of Counselor Education program.

- Students are also responsible to obtain, familiarize themselves with, and abide by the department's specialized policies and procedures as documented in the most recent edition of the department's student manual.

School Counseling Option (COUN_MA_01)

Stuart Roe, Coordinator, Graduate Program in School Counseling

48 credits

Required Core Courses:

33 cr.

- COUN 501/Introduction to Counseling
- COUN 515/Statistics and Research in Counseling
- EPSY 520/Fundamentals of Human Development
- EPSY 643/Measurement and Evaluation
- COUN 530/Multicultural Counseling
- COUN 535/Career Counseling and Placement
- COUN 670/Counseling Theory and Techniques
- COUN 675/Group Counseling
- COUN 690/Practicum Seminar
- *COUN 693/Internship or COUN 694/695/Internship

*COUN 693 (one term); COUN 694/695 (two terms).

Other Required Courses:

School Counseling Specialization:

9 cr.

- COUN 660/Organization, Administration, and Supervision of School Counseling
- EPSY 661/Counseling Children and Adolescents
- COUN 545/Community Agency Counseling

Electives: Chosen with advisement**

6 cr.

**May be COUN 699/Thesis/Creative Project for 6 cr.

Comprehensive Examination: COUN 700

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (COUN_MA_07)

Marion Cavallaro, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

60-credit minimum

I. Required Core Courses (33 credits)

- COUN 501/Introduction to Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 515/Statistics and Research in Counseling (3 credits)
- EPSY 520/Fundamentals of Human Development (3 credits)
- COUN 530/Multicultural Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 535/Career Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 670/Counseling Theory and Techniques (3 credits)
- COUN 675/Group Counseling (3 credits)
- EPSY 643/Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 690/Practicum Seminar (3 credits)
- COUN 693/Internship Seminar (6 credits)

(The requirements for COUN 693 may be met by taking COUN 694 and COUN 695, which are each 3 credit Internship Seminar courses)

II. Required Courses in Clinical Mental Health

Counseling

(15 credits)

- COUN 545/Community Agency Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 551/Substance Abuse and Addiction: Individual, Family and Society (3 credits)
- COUN 555/Differential Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3 credits)
- COUN 600/Introduction to Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy (3 credits)

- COUN 605/Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy (3 credits)

III. Elective Coursework (12 credits)

General Practice Electives:

Any four elective courses in counseling (12 credits)

OR

Substance Abuse and Addiction Electives:

- COUN 552/Prevention Strategies for Schools and Communities (3 credits)
- COUN 553/Treating Substance Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders (3 credits)

Two elective courses in counseling (6 credits)

(300 hours of the total 720 hours of clinical work for the practicum/internship experiences must be specific to substance abuse and addiction counseling work)

Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy (COUN_MA_06)

Mark Woodford, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy

60-credit minimum

- COUN 501/Introduction to Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 515/Statistics and Research in Counseling (3 credits)
- EPSY 520/Fundamentals of Human Development (3 credits)
- COUN 530/Multicultural Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 535/Career Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 670/Counseling Theory and Techniques (3 credits)
- COUN 675/Group Counseling (3 credits)
- EPSY 643/Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 690/Practicum Seminar (3 credits)
- COUN 693/Internship Seminar (6 credits)

(The requirements for COUN 693 may be met by taking COUN 694 and COUN 695, which are each 3 credit Internship Seminar courses)

II. Required Courses in Marriage, Couple, and

Family Counseling and Therapy

(21 credits)

- COUN 545/Community Agency Counseling (3 credits)
- COUN 600/Introduction to Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy (3 credits)
- COUN 601/Theory and Development of Family Systems (3 credits)
- COUN 602/Assessment and Intervention in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy (3 credits)
- COUN 603/Laboratory in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy (3 credits)
- COUN 604/Couples in Relationship (3 credits)
- COUN 605/Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy (3 credits)

III. Elective Coursework (6 credits)

Any two (2) elective courses in counseling

Educational Specialist in Marriage and Family Therapy (COUN_EDS01)

Mark Woodford, Coordinator, Post-Graduate Program in Marriage and Family Therapy

24-credit minimum

The Educational Specialist (EdS) in Marriage and Family Therapy degree program is designed for master's-level professional counselors who wish to pursue advanced study in marriage and family therapy. EdS applicants who hold a master's degree from a CACREP-approved counseling pro-

gram or its equivalent and complete the EdS degree meet the educational requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy in New Jersey. Additional courses required for students in a closely related field may include the following:

- Introduction to Counseling (COUN 501)
- Counseling Theory (COUN 670)
- Measurement and Evaluation (EPSY 643)
- Statistics and Research (COUN 515)
- Lifespan and Human Development (EPSY 520)
- Multicultural Counseling (COUN 530)

Admission Requirements:

- Master's degree in counseling or related field; two years' counseling experience or a supervised practicum and internship
- All applicants must complete a departmental screening interview prior to admission

Graduation Requirements:

- Students will be required to complete a minimum of 24 graduate credits in marriage and family therapy
- Students must complete the EdS program with a minimum of a 3.0-academic average, having received a grade of B or better in all required coursework. Students who receive a grade of B-, C+, C or C- in a required course will be permitted to retake the course(s) in question only once to improve their grade and remain in the program. Failure to obtain a B or better in the second attempt will result in automatic termination. A student receiving an "F" grade in any course will automatically be denied continuance in the Department of Counselor Education program.

Required Courses:

- COUN 600/Introduction to Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy
- COUN 601/Theory and Development of Family Systems
- COUN 602/Assessment and Intervention in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy
- COUN 603/Laboratory in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy
- COUN 604/Couples in Relationship
- COUN 605/Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues in Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy
- COUN 606/Practicum in Marriage, Couple, and Family Therapy*
- COUN 607/Internship in Marriage, Couple, and Family Therapy*

*The TCNJ Clinic is an entity within the School of Education. Because live supervision and observation are an integral part of the systemic training, students in the EdS Program in Marriage and Family Therapy will be expected to provide therapy to several relational cases during their practicum and intern year. In the Family Lab, they will be expected to observe families either from behind a one-way mirror or on closed-circuit TV. Supervision will be provided by faculty and/or adjunct faculty with experience in family therapy. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained, and violation of the stated policy will be considered grounds for dismissal. This is a training opportunity that provides immediate supervision and discussion. It affords the best treatment possible to families who have the benefit of team-supervised student therapists working with them.

Student Assistance Coordinator Program (COUN_CER02)

Mark Woodford, Coordinator, Graduate Program in Student Assistance Coordination
21 credits

This 21-credit graduate program prepares individuals to become student assistance coordinators in the public schools. Certification will be granted by the New Jersey Department of Education. The courses can be taken as part of, and in addition to, the required courses needed for the

48-credit master's degree program in counseling. All applicants for the Student Assistance Coordinator Program must meet the admission requirements of the Department of Counselor Education.

Prerequisite Course Work:

Course work in introductory counseling, including prepracticum skills, theories of counseling, and group counseling or their equivalents, should be completed prior to enrollment in the program

Applicants who have not completed these particular courses may take COUN 501, COUN 670, or COUN 675 as part of their program of study

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree/master's degree where applicable from an accredited or approved institution
- Present evidence of certification or licensure as one of the following: school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, director of school counseling services, school nurse, alcohol and drug counselor (CADC or LCADC), or prevention specialist (CPS); or
- Possess a standard instructional certificate; or
- Possess a master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (if candidate does not have a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university)
- Interview (to be arranged by the department)

Required Courses:

- COUN 551/Substance Abuse and Addiction: Individual, Family, and Society
- COUN 552/Prevention Strategies for Schools and Communities
- COUN 553/Treating Substance Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders (formerly COUN 550)
- COUN 554/Student Assistance Coordination in the Schools
- EPSY 661/Counseling Exceptional and At-Risk Children and Adolescents

AND

One elective course to be chosen from the following:

- EPSY 520/Fundamentals of Human Growth and Development;

OR

- COUN 600/Introduction to Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling and Therapy

AND

One clinical course to be chosen from the following:

- COUN 690/Practicum Seminar (completed at an SAC site);

OR

- COUN 698/Department Project: SAC Practicum

All students must complete at least 15 credit hours in the program (not including COUN 501, COUN 670, or COUN 675) before enrolling in the practicum. Additionally, the practicum must be completed during the last semester of studies.

Instructional Licensure, Teacher of Preschool–Grade 3 (ELEC_SCT03)

Jody Eberly, Coordinator, Graduate Program in P–3 Certification

The College of New Jersey/Early Childhood Education (P–3) Specialized Alternate Route or Endorsement on New Jersey Instructional License.

Program Statement:

The need for early childhood education specialized alternate route licensure is shown by evidence specific to The College of New Jersey, current changes in the state, and national research on the importance of specialized knowledge in early childhood education. The College of New Jersey

has offered a highly regarded early childhood education program for over 150 years. Recent court-mandated and legislative initiatives have resulted in mandatory preschool for 4-year-olds in over 150 New Jersey school districts and for 3-year-olds in the 30 neediest of these districts.

It is clear from the research that effective early childhood education programs for children from low-income families have teachers with intensive and specialized training in the particular educational and social needs of young children and who have the broad education represented by a bachelor's degree. Employing teachers with state certification in early childhood education, or its equivalent, is strongly related to positive outcomes for young children. The National Academy of Sciences Committee on Early Childhood Pedagogy (2000) has joined the NAEYC and the NEA in recommending specialized certification or teachers of young children.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
60 credits in general education or liberal learning in an undergraduate program
(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Program Requirements:

Required Courses:

15 cr.

(*State-mandated P-3 24-hour pre-service course is required for those who do not already hold a Certificate of Eligibility for Preschool through Third Grade. In addition to completing the 15 credits of coursework, students must also complete the Provisional Teaching Program through their school/district and the NJDOE.)

ECED 504/Teaching Young Children

ECED 560/Curriculum Experiences for Young Children

ECED 620/Multicultural and Social Foundations of Emergent and Early Literacy

ECED 640/Development and Learning of the Young Child

ECED 651/P-3 Internship I

ECED 652/P-3 Internship II

ECED 655-656/Clinical Seminar in Early Childhood Education I and II

Master of Education in Educational Leadership options include Traditional (EDAD_MED01), Immersion (EDAD_MED03), and Global (EDAD_MED04)

Donald Leake, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Educational Leadership

The Educational Leadership Program of study at The College of New Jersey provides a comprehensive forum for reflective practice as an instructional leader. The program is designed to recognize the key role leadership plays in creating and sustaining schools that help all students achieve high standards. The program seeks to shape the educational practices, their conceptual underpinnings, and the leadership professions that serve both public and private schools. The Educational Leadership Program also seeks to develop the knowledge, wisdom, and imagination of its students to enable them to take leadership positions nationally and internationally. Graduates of the Educational Leadership Program are employed as principals, assistant principals, directors, and supervisors in public and private school systems.

The program is designed to serve as a confluence of three leadership experiences: a cognitive experience wherein one learns to think like a leader, a moral experience where one learns to think and act in a responsible and ethical manner, and a practical experience where one learns to perform like a leader. More specifically, the program is intended to reflect what Shulman (2005) calls "signature pedagogies of the profes-

sion." That is, a mode of teaching that has become inextricably identified with preparing people for a particular profession. Mindful of this notion of signature pedagogies, students who enter the educational leadership program should expect the following:

A relevant and challenging curriculum where professors use an approach to teaching that makes extensive use of active learning pedagogies such as case studies, simulations, and problem-based learning.

A clinical experience will be an intricate part of every course in the program. Students should anticipate and plan for a field experience as part of each course. Students will be required to provide documentation of at least 200 hours of "course-specific field" experience before he/she is permitted to register for the Internship experience.

Each course will reflect a mix of practical and theoretical concepts and will blend classroom instruction with the student's clinical experiences. The "course-specific field" experience will provide numerous opportunities for aspiring school leaders to apply new learning in authentic settings.

The signature pedagogies are thus designed to be pedagogies of engagement and are ultimately intended to teach students to think like, act like, and be like a school leader.

Based on what successful leaders do in their schools, the program consists of three curriculum modules designed around what effective leaders need to know and be able to do. Students are required to complete the modules in the manner as prescribed by the department and/or explicated by the program coordinator. Programs are aligned with national standards and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Traditional Master's Degree Strand (EDAD_MED01)—The 36-credit Program for School Leaders is intended for those students seeking to complete the program at their own pace. Coursework emphasizes meaningful, practical, active learning based upon problems school leaders encounter and upon the core issues of schooling, curriculum, and instruction. The program is practice-oriented and geared to prepare students to meet the challenges of school leadership. This program is also available through the College's global program. Upon completion, participants will be eligible to apply for the initial certification for a New Jersey School Principal License, as well as a Supervisor Certification, provided the candidate meets all requirements of the current New Jersey Administrative Code. Courses that lead to Supervisor Certification are noted with the following: †. (See also *Supervisor Certification Course Work*.)

Accelerated Master's Degree Strand (Immersion) (EDAD_MED03)—The 36-credit Immersion Program for School Leaders is an accelerated leadership-training program that integrates clinical experience with course work. Students enter as a cohort and take a prescribed sequence of courses beginning in the summer of one year and culminating with graduation the following summer. Cohort members are provided mentorship throughout the 14-month experience by a member of the educational administration faculty, in cooperation with a field-based mentor and practicing principals identified by each candidate. During the 14 months, candidates are required to engage in an intensive field experience with administrative mentors. This 14-month internship is accomplished while fulfilling full-time responsibilities in a school district. Upon completion, participants will be eligible to apply for the initial certification for a New Jersey School Principal License, as well as a Supervisor Certification, provided the candidate meets all requirements of the current New Jersey Administrative Code. Courses that lead to Supervisor Certification are noted with the following: †.

†These courses may be applied toward the Supervisor Certification, provided the candidate meets all requirements of the current New Jersey Administrative Code.

Admission Requirements:

Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
 Competitive GPA
 Competitive scores on the Graduate Record Examination—
 For test waiver information, please visit
graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply
 Valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state instructional or educational services certificate.
 Applicants typically provide documentation evidencing completion of at least one year of successful educational experience under a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state certificate.
 Evidence of leadership ability and experience
 A personal interview with selected faculty members
 Other factors, including strength of letters of recommendation, motivation and readiness to pursue graduate study, and equity considerations (individuals who will increase the diversity of the graduate students in the program are especially encouraged to apply)

Eligibility Requirements for New Jersey Principal License (for U.S. Citizens):

Successful completion of master's or post-master's program
 Documentation evidencing completion of five years of successful educational experience under a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state certificate (NJAC 6A:9-12.5)
 Pass a state-approved examination
 File application for certification with the TCNJ STEP office

Traditional Masters Degree Strand (EDAD_MED01)*

(Students enter as individual at their own pace)

Program Requirements:

36 credits

Required Courses:

Research: 3 cr.

EDFN 508/Introduction to Research

Foundations and Multicultural Education: 3 cr.

EDFN 520/Social Problems and Education

OR

EDFN 521/Cultural Foundations of Education

Specialization: 18 cr.

EDAD 525/Introduction to Educational Administration

†SUPV 520/Staff Supervision

†EDAD 617/Advanced School Leadership: Supervision/Admin

EDAD 530/Group Dynamics for Educational Leaders

EDAD 572/School Law

EDAD 540/School Finance

Curriculum: 6 cr.

†CURR 514/Curriculum Theory and Practice

†CURR 555 or †ELEM555/Advanced Study of Curriculum Development for Children and Adolescence

Internship: 6 cr.

EDAD 691/Fall Internship in Educational Leadership I

EDAD 692/Spring Internship in Educational Leadership II

EDAD 693/Summer Internship in Educational Leadership III

Culminating Experience Requirement:

EDAD 700/Comprehensive Examination

Post-Master's Certification Program in Educational Leadership (EDAD_SCT02)*

Donald Leake, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Educational Leadership

The 30-credit Post-Master's Certification Program (non-degree) in Educational Leadership is designed for individuals who wish to become certified as school leaders and who already hold a master's or doctoral degree. This program is also available through the College's global program. Upon completion, participants will be eligible to apply for the initial certification for a New Jersey School Principal License. They may also apply for Supervisor Certification with the completion of additional curriculum course work, provided the candidate meets all requirements of the current New Jersey Administrative Code. Courses that lead to Supervisor Certification are noted with the following: †. (See also Supervisor Certification Course Work.)

Admission Requirements:

Undergraduate and graduate degree from an accredited college or university
 Competitive GPA

Valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state instructional or educational services certificate.

Applicants typically provide documentation evidencing completion of at least one year of successful educational experience under a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state certificate.

Evidence of leadership ability and experience

A personal interview with selected faculty members

Other factors, including strength of letters of recommendation, motivation and readiness to pursue graduate study, and equity considerations (individuals who will increase the diversity of the graduate students in the program are especially encouraged to apply)

Eligibility Requirements for New Jersey Principal License (for U.S. Citizens):

Successful completion of master's or post-master's program
 Documentation evidencing completion of five years of successful educational experience under a valid provisional or standard New Jersey or equivalent out-of-state certificate (NJAC 6A:9-12.5)
 Pass a state-approved examination
 File application for certification with the TCNJ STEP office

Post-Master's Certification Program (EDAD_SCT02)*

(Students enter as individual at their own pace)

Program Requirements:

30 credits

Required Courses:

30 cr.

†CURR 514/Curriculum Theory and Practice

EDAD 525/Introduction to Educational Administration

EDFN 508/Introduction to Research

†SUPV 520/Staff Supervision

EDAD 540/School Finance

EDAD 572/School Law

†EDAD 617/Advanced School Leadership: Supervision/Admin

EDAD 691/Fall Internship in Educational Leadership I

EDAD 692/Spring Internship in Educational Leadership II

EDAD 693/Summer Internship in Educational Leadership III

*Students in the Educational Leadership Program (Principal) or taking courses for Supervision Certificate should be aware that the curriculum is designed to comply with the State of New Jersey's Administrative Code. Consequently, the School of Education may have to alter graduation and/or certificate requirements to meet any and all changes mandated by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

†These courses may be applied toward the Supervisor Certification, provided the candidate meets all requirements of the current New Jersey Administrative Code.

Additional Program Options:

Students must take the following course if they wish to obtain Supervisor Certification.

- †CURR 555 or †ELEM 555/Advanced Study of Curriculum Development for Children and Adolescence
- EDAD 530/Group Dynamics for School Leaders
- EDFN 520/Social Problems in Education
- EDFN 521/Cultural Foundations of Education

Supervisor Certification Course Work*

TCNJ offers the appropriate courses necessary for certification as a supervisor in the public schools in the State of New Jersey. This course work can be completed on a non-matriculant basis. A student must complete 12 credits of course work—some of which may be from the individual's master's program—and submit an official transcript and application for Supervisor Certification to the State of New Jersey upon completion of the below course work. General requirements for issuance of the certification can be obtained through the New Jersey State Department of Education.

TCNJ Courses

- CURR 514/Curriculum Theory and Practice
- SUPV 520/Staff Supervision
- EDAD 617/Advanced Leadership in School Administration and Supervision
- CURR 555 or ELEM 555/Advanced Study of Curriculum Development for Children and Adolescence

**Master of Education in Educational Leadership—
Instruction (EDAD_MED05)
(in Partnership with The Regional Training Center)**

Alan Amtzis, Director, Graduate Program in Educational Leadership: Instruction

The Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership: Instruction program addresses the teacher within the context of the classroom, as well as the greater educational community, with regard to school-wide teacher reform, teachers' professional development, and teacher leadership. The reflective practices of self-study, teacher research, and classroom inquiry provide a thematic curricular link throughout the program. The Regional Training Center (RTC) has been providing quality graduate course work in education throughout the Mid-Atlantic region since 1993. TCNJ has been the New Jersey partner in providing sponsorship for graduate RTC programs offered throughout the state since 2000. This partnership has grown to include the Master of Education in Educational Leadership: Instruction, which will include both on- and off-campus work.

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Teaching certificate
- Resume
- Field Setting Report
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Personal essay

†These courses may be applied toward the Supervisor Certification, provided the candidate meets all requirements of the current New Jersey Administrative Code.

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Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.

(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements:

30 credits including:

Four 3-credit Instructional Core Courses (completed with RTC)

Three 3-credit Classroom Action Research Courses (completed with TCNJ)

Three 3-credit Concentration option Area courses (completed with RTC)

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, with no grades lower than B–

Program Requirements:**Instructional Core Courses:****12 cr.**

Provide framework and foundation for effective teaching practices that enhance student achievement in a learning community

EDPD 570/Differentiated Instruction

EDPD 548/Styles of Teaching: Personality Type in the Classroom

EDPD 560/Brain-Based Teaching and Learning

EDPD 542/Assessment Techniques: Assessment for Student Learning

Classroom Action Research:**9 cr.**

Students develop and explore meaningful unanswered questions arising from their own classroom contexts while studying the growing tradition of teacher-generated inquiry into practice.

EDUC 510/Exploration of Classroom Inquiry

EDUC 601/Modes of Inquiry and Research

EDUC 602/Inquiry in Practice

Concentration Area:**9 cr.**

Choose one of the following three areas of emphasis:

Teaching Strategies Option:

(Three 3-credit courses)

EDPD 545/Encouraging Skillful, Critical, and Creative Thinking

EDPD 536/Universal Design for Learning: Reaching All Learners in the Digital Age

EDPD 553/The Kinesthetic Classroom: Teaching and Learning through Movement

EDPD 566/Teaching, Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum

The Diverse Classroom:

(Three 3-credit courses)

EDPD 546/The Culturally Distinctive Classroom

EDPD 552/From Challenge to Success: ADHD, LD and the Spectrum

EDPD 555/Skills and Strategies for Inclusion and Disability Awareness

EDPD 558/The Gendered Brain

Classroom Management and Classroom Climate Option:

(Three of the following four 3-credit courses)

EDPD 544/Increasing Student responsibility and Self-Discipline in Learning Communities

EDPD 565/Cooperative Discipline

EDPD 561/ The Cooperative Classroom

EDPD 556/Motivation: The Art and Science of Inspiring Classroom Success

Culminating Experience Requirement:

EDUC 700/Comprehensive Exam or Capstone Project

Master of Education in Reading K–12 (READ_MED01) Master of Education in Reading K–12 with Reading Specialist Certificate (READ_MED01)

Kathryne Speaker, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Reading

The MEd in Reading K–12 program is designed to prepare specialists in reading and to increase the competence of fully certified elementary and secondary teachers who wish to become master teachers of reading.

Admission Requirements:*

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.
- A New Jersey teaching certificate or its equivalent
- A course in teaching reading
- (Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

*NJ reading specialist certificate candidates must also have two years of teaching experience.

Graduation Requirements:

- 33 credits
- EDFN 508/Introduction to Research and Data-Based Decision Making
- SPED 624/Advanced Topics in Learning Disabilities
- or
- SPED 501/Students with Disabilities in Our Schools
- RDLG 530/Exploring Children's Literature: An Educator's Perspective
- RDLG 571/Language and the Teaching of Reading
- RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy
- ECED 620/Multicultural and Social Foundations of Emergent and Early Literacy
- RDLG 672/Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Reading: Theory, Research and Practice
- RDLG 673/The Writing Process in Literacy Development
- RDLG 691/Reading Diagnostic Procedures: Practicum
- RDLG 692/Correction and Remediation of Reading Difficulties: Practicum
- RDLG 693/Supervision and Administration of Reading Programs K–12

Comprehensive Examination: RDLG 700

Notes: Matriculated students in the reading program who have successfully completed 33 credits in required courses with two years of successful teaching experience may apply to the graduate coordinator to initiate procedures leading to a reading specialist certificate.

Students who apply for this certificate must present a letter to the certification officer of the College from their immediate school supervisor verifying two years of successful teaching.

Successful completion of the program constitutes the completion of an approved program for the reading teacher certificate, provided the student has passed the National Teacher Examination.

*Students successfully completing the program must take and pass the National Teacher Examination in Reading to be eligible for the reading teacher certificate in the state of New Jersey.

Post-Master's Reading Specialist Certificate Program (READ_SCT01)

Kathryne Speaker, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Reading

Admission Requirements:

- Master's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- New Jersey teaching certificate or its equivalent
- At least one course in teaching reading
- (Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Program Requirements:

- 30 credits
- SPED 624/Advanced Topics in Learning Disabilities

or

- SPED 501/Students with Disabilities in Our Schools
- RDLG 530/Exploring Children's Literature: An Educator's Perspective
- RDLG 571/Language and the Teaching of Reading
- RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy
- ECED 620/Multicultural and Social Foundations of Emergent and Early Literacy
- RDLG 672/Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Reading: Theory, Research and Practice
- RDLG 673/The Writing Process in Literacy Development
- RDLG 691/Reading Diagnostic Procedures: Practicum
- RDLG 692/Correction and Remediation of Reading Difficulties: Practicum
- RDLG 693/Supervision and Administration of Reading Programs K–12

Note: Careful advisement is necessary. Students who plan to take this program must apply for admission and meet with the graduate coordinator for advisement.

If a student wishes to transfer any courses taken within six years of entering the program, equivalency must be substantiated. A minimum of 15 teacher credits toward the approved program must have been earned at The College of New Jersey.

Students who have successfully completed the program with two years of teaching experience may apply to the graduate coordinator to initiate procedures leading to a reading specialist certificate.

Students who apply for this certificate must present a letter to the certification officer of the College from their immediate school supervisor verifying two years of successful teaching.

Master of Education in Teaching English as a Second Language (ESLA_MED02)

Yiqiang Wu, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Teaching English as a Second Language

The program consists of course work leading to the Master of Education in Teaching English as a Second Language. If you seek both ESL certification (either initial or additional endorsement) AND a master's degree, you must enter into a certification (SCT) program first. Then, after certification issuance, you are eligible to enter the master's program. All certification courses will apply to the master's program.

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.

Additional Requirements for those seeking certification through this program:

- Present an undergraduate major (or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences course work

Undergraduate program must include:

- English—two college-level courses minimum
- Mathematics—two college-level courses minimum
- Science—two college-level courses minimum
- Social Studies—two college-level courses minimum
- (one of the courses must be U.S. History)

An educational psychology course required for individuals who do not already hold a teaching certificate

Successful scores in both oral and written proficiency inventories in the English language

Teaching credential in another field (for endorsement only)

(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements:

- 30 credits

Required Courses:

Research: 3 cr.
EDFN 508/Introduction to Research and Data-Based Decision Making

Specialization: 21 cr.
* (A,B) ESLM 525/Second Language Acquisition
* (A,B) ESLM 577/Sociolinguistics and Cultural Foundations of Second Language Education
* (A,B) ESLM 578/Theory and Practice of Teaching a Second Language
* (A,B) ESLM 587/Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment for Second Language Education
* (A,B) ESLM 688/Practicum for Second Language Teachers
* (A) ESLM 545/Structure of Language and Proficiency Assessment
(A) ESLM 579/Language and Literacy for Second Language Learners

Electives: Chosen with advisement 6 cr.
ESLM 687/Faculty/Student Research
Another elective course approved by program coordinator

*Required for ESL Endorsement Certification.

(A) Required for ESL Initial Certification.

(B) Required for Bilingual Endorsement.

Comprehensive Examination: ESLM 700

Teaching English as a Second Language Certification Program (ESLA_SCT01)

Yiqiang Wu, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Teaching English as a Second Language

The Teaching English as a Second Language Endorsement certification program is for candidates with a NJ Standard or CENs or equivalent out-of-state certificate. It provides the necessary courses for initial or endorsement certification as a teacher of English as a second language in the state of New Jersey.

After completing the required courses, candidates need to prepare an application package and submit it to the certification office in order to obtain their ESL certification. The package must include the following items:

1. A notarized certification application form
2. Passing scores (Advanced Low or above) on ACTFL oral/written English proficiency tests (www.ACTFL.org)
3. A photocopy of a teaching credential in another field
4. Completion of TCNJ-sponsored training in HIB (harrassment, intimidation and bullying)
5. A letter documenting teaching experience from the school principal (for endorsement only)
6. A notarized non-citizen oath form (for non-U.S. citizens only)
7. An official copy of transcripts from other institutions (for course transfer only)
8. Proof of passing an examination in physiology, hygiene and substance abuse issues pursuant to NJAC 6A:9-5.9
9. An application fee of \$170 (\$95 for endorsement) payable to The College of New Jersey

Note: For a New Jersey state-issued certificate: Non-citizens must have a U.S. Social Security number and be eligible for employment in the U.S.

Please contact your adviser for certification application forms and procedures.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
Present an undergraduate major (or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences course work

Undergraduate program must include:

English—two college-level courses minimum
Mathematics—two college-level courses minimum
Science—two college-level courses minimum
Social Studies—two college-level courses minimum
(one of the courses must be U.S. History)

An educational psychology course required for individuals who do not already hold a teaching certificate

Proven both oral and written proficiency in the English language

Teaching credential in another field (for endorsement only)

(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Program Requirements:

15–24 credits

Prerequisites for State Endorsement:

6–9 cr.

Students applying for state endorsement in teaching English as a second language must have an approved teacher certification and one year teaching experience, OR successfully complete the following 9 credit hours of course work (or their equivalence) as part of this program:

ESLM 688/Practicum for Second Language Teachers

ESLM 579/Language and Literacy for Second Language Learners

A course in psychology, human development, or learning (on any college transcript)

Required Courses:

15 cr.

ESLM 525/Second Language Acquisition

ESLM 545/Structure of Language and Proficiency Assessment

ESLM 577/Sociolinguistics and Cultural Foundations of Second Language Education

ESLM 578/Theory and Practice of Teaching a Second Language

ESLM 587/Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment for Second Language Education

Comprehensive Examination: ESLM 700

Bilingual Endorsement Certification (ESLA_SCT02)

Yiqiang Wu, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Teaching English as a Second Language

The bilingual endorsement program provides the necessary courses for certification as a bilingual teacher in the state of New Jersey. This certificate is only for **certified teachers** who hold a teaching credential in an instructional subject area other than world language (general elementary or secondary math, science, social studies, etc.).

After completing the required courses, candidates need to prepare an application package in order to obtain their ESL certification. The package must include the following items:

1. A notarized certification application form
2. Passing score (Advanced Low or above) on ACTFL oral/written proficiency test (www.ACTFL.org) in both English and another instructional language
3. A photocopy of a teaching credential in a subject area
4. A letter documenting teaching experience from the school principal
5. A notarized non-citizen oath form (for non-U.S. citizens only)
6. Official copies of transcripts from other institutions (for course transfer only)
7. An application fee of \$95 payable to The College of New Jersey

Please contact your adviser for certification application forms and procedures.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
Teaching certificate or eligibility thereof in a subject area (general elementary or secondary math, science, or social studies)

Proven proficiency in English and another instructional language
(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Program Requirements:

12 credits

Required Courses:

12 cr.

- ESLM 525/Second Language Acquisition
- ESLM 577/Sociolinguistics and Cultural Foundations
of Second Language Education
- ESLM 578/Theory and Practice of Teaching a Second Language
- ESLM 587/Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment
for Second Language Education

Comprehensive Examination: ESLM 700

Teaching English as a Second Language Initial Certification Program (ESLA_SCT05)

Yiqiang Wu, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Teaching English as a Second Language

The Teaching English as a Second Language Initial certification program is for candidates WITHOUT a NJ Standard or CEAS or equivalent out-of-state certificate. It provides the necessary courses for initial certification as a teacher of English as a second language in the state of New Jersey.

After completing the required courses, candidates need to prepare an application package and submit it to the certification office in order to obtain their ESL certification. The package must include the following items:

1. A notarized certification application form
2. Passing scores (Advanced Low or above) on ACTFL oral/written English Proficiency tests (www.ACTFL.org).
3. Completion of TCNJ-sponsored training in HIB (harassment, intimidation and bullying)
4. Proof of passing an examination in physiology, hygiene and substance abuse issues pursuant to NJAC 6A:9-5.9
5. A notarized non-citizen oath form (for non-U.S. citizens only).
6. An application fee of \$170 payable to The College of New Jersey

Note: For a New Jersey state-issued certification: Non-citizens must have a U.S. Social Security number and be eligible for employment in the U.S.

Please contact your adviser for certification application forms and procedures.

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Present an undergraduate major(or 30 semester hours) in a liberal arts and
- Science major or 60 semester-hour credits in liberal arts/sciences coursework

Undergraduate program must include:

- English-two college-level courses minimum
- Mathematics-two college-level courses minimum
- Science-two college-level courses minimum
- Social Studies-two college-level courses minimum(one of the courses must be U.S. History)
- An educational psychology course required for individuals
- Proven both oral and written proficiency in the English language

Master of Education in Special Education (SPEC_MED01), (SPEC_MED02), (SPEC_MED06)

Shridevi Rao, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Special Education

The MEd program has three tracks: Option I (SPEC_MED01) provides advanced work in the area of teaching students with disabilities for those candidates who hold a standard special education certificate. Option II (SPEC_MED02) prepares individuals who hold a standard

teacher certification in areas other than special education. Option III (SPEC_MED06) is designed to prepare individuals who hold a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) in a teaching area to obtain certification as a teacher of students who are blind and visually impaired.

Option I—Certified in Special Education (SPEC_MED01)*

Option I is a 33-credit-hour program of study designed for graduate students who have several years' experience in the classroom and are interested in advanced study in special education. The program is a "leadership master's"; i.e., its graduates will be prepared to be exemplary professionals who will provide leadership in their schools as they work to implement best practices.

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)—For test waiver information, please visit graduate.pages.tcnj.edu/apply.
- Standard New Jersey teaching certificate or equivalent in special education

Graduation Requirements:

- 33 credits
- A cumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher

Required Courses:

Research: 6 cr.

- EDFN 508/Introduction to Research
- SPED 664/Research Trends in Special Education

Foundations and Multicultural Education: 3 cr.

- EDFN 520/Social Problems and Education

Specialization: 18 cr.

- EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships
- SPED 521/Assistive Technology
- SPED 522/Remedial Instruction
- SPED 631/Transition and Community Based Instruction
- SPED 626/Curriculum Design for Individuals with Severe Disabilities
- SPED 624/Advanced Study of Learning Disabilities: Literacy, Numeracy and Instructional Strategies

Specialty Electives: (Select any one of the tracks) 6 cr.

Elective Option I (Severe Disabilities)

- SPED 648/Positive Behavioral Supports for Extreme Behavior
- SPED 647/Communication Development of Students with Significant Disorders

Elective Option II (Reading)

- RDLG 672/Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Reading: Theory, Research and Practice
- RDLG 673/The Writing Process in Literacy Development

Elective Option III (Blindness and Visual Impairments)

- SPED 675/Research on Implications of Blindness
- SPED 672/Strategies for Teaching Students Who are B/VI

Comprehensive Examination: SPED 700

Option II—Certified in Other Area (SPEC_MED02)

Option II is for candidates who hold a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) in a teaching area other than special education, such as elementary education or secondary education, with a teachable major. This program is designed to meet the needs of teachers who wish to obtain certification as a teacher of students with disabilities. This 33-credit program culminates in a master's degree along with certification in special education. For students who are currently employed in a school or would like to seek employment, this program provides an opportunity to work and complete the degree at the same time.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
 Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
 A CEAS or standard in elementary, secondary education with
 a teachable major or content area
 A course in child psychology
 A course in teaching reading

Graduation Requirements:

33-credit minimum
 A grade of B– or better in SPED 617/Graduate Practicum in Special
 Education
 Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites
 A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Required Courses:**Research: 3 cr.**

SPED 664/Research in Special Education

Specialization: 21 cr.

Prerequisites must be completed before enrolling in the
 following courses:

SPED 501/Students with Disabilities in Our Schools
 SPED 522/Remedial Instruction
 EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships
 EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities
 SPED 624/Advanced Study of Learning Disabilities
 SPED 626/Curriculum Design for Individuals with Severe
 Disabilities
 SPED 521/Assistive Technology

Field Experience: 3 cr.

SPED 617/Graduate Practicum in Special Education

Electives: 6 cr.**Track I-BVI Specialty**

SPED 675/Research on Implications of Blindness
 SPED 672/Strategies for Teaching Students who are Blind and
 Visually Impaired

Track II-Literacy Specialty

RDLG 672/Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Reading:
 Theory, Research, and Practice
 RDLG 673/The Writing Process in Literary Development

Track III- Severe Disabilities

SPED 648/Positive Behavior Supports for Extreme Behaviors
 SPED 647/Communication Development of Students with
 Significant Disorders

Track IV-Emotional Disturbance

SPED 648/Positive Behavior Supports for Extreme Behaviors
 RDLG 579/Content Area Literacy

Track V-Assessment

EPSY 643/Measurement and Evaluation
 EPSY 523/Advanced Child and Adolescent Development

Comprehensive Examination: SPED 700**Option III—Master of Education in Special Education with certification as a teacher of students who are blind or have visual impairments: (SPEC_MED06)**

This 33-credit program culminates in a Master's degree along with certification as a teacher of students who are blind or have visual impairments.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
 Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

A CEAS or standard certificate in elementary education, or secondary
 education with teachable major

A course in child psychology

A course in teaching reading

Graduation Requirements:

33-credit minimum
 A grade of B– or better in SPED 695/Internship II
 A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
 Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites

Required Courses: 27 cr.

SPED 501/Students with Disabilities in Our Schools
 SPED 675/Research on Implications of Blindness
 SPED 673/Literary Braille and Methods for Instruction
 SPED 626/Curriculum Design for Individuals with Severe
 Disabilities
 SPED 672/Strategies for Teaching Students Who are B/VI
 SPED 674/Assistive Technology for B/VI
 SPED 671/Nemeth Code and Strategies for Developing
 Mathematical Skills in Students Who use Braille
 EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities
 EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation and Partnerships

Field Experience: 6 cr.

SPED 695/Internship II

Comprehensive Examination: SPED 700**Post-Baccalaureate Certification Program: Teacher of Students with Disabilities (SPEC_SCT02)**

Amy Dell, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Special Education

This 24-credit approved program is for students who hold a Bachelor's degree, prior certification (CEAS or Standard certificate) in another area of teaching, such as elementary education or secondary education, with teachable major, and want certification as a teacher of students with disabilities.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
 A CEAS or standard in elementary education, secondary education, or
 content area
 A course in child psychology
 A course in teaching reading

Graduation Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of 18 graduate semester hours earned at The College of New Jersey
- 2) A minimum total of 24 graduate semester hours
- 3) A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher in the program
- 4) Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites
- 5) A minimum grade of a B- in SPED 617/Graduate Practicum In Special Education

Required Courses: 18 cr.

SPED 501/Students with Disabilities in Our Schools
 SPED 522/Remedial Instruction
 SPED 624/Advanced Study in Learning Disabilities
 EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships
 EDUC 614/Creating and Sustaining Classroom Communities
 SPED 626/Curriculum Design for Individuals with Severe
 Disabilities

Department Approved Elective: 3 cr.

SPED 647/Communication Development of Students with
 Significant Disorders

- OR
 SPED 648/Positive Behavioral Supports for Extreme Behavior
 OR
 RDLG 672/Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Reading:
 Theory, Research, and Practice
 OR
 RDLG 673/The Writing Process in Literacy Development
 OR
 SPED 521/Assistive Technology

Field Experience: 3 cr.
 SPED 617/Graduate Practicum in Special Education

Post-Master's Certification Program: Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant (SPEC_SCT01)

Amy Dell, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Special Education

This 15–27 credit program is for experienced teachers who already hold a master's degree in special education or a related field and a standard certificate in special education. This program leads to recommendation for certification as a learning disabilities teacher/consultant, the educational specialist on the child study team, mandated by the state of New Jersey. The program is composed of a cluster of core courses that focus on key skills critical for the role of an LDTC, such as the advanced study of learning disabilities, administration and scoring of assessment protocols, remediation and support strategies, and an externship. Students are also required to take an elective that provides them an opportunity to explore a related area of interest.

Admission Requirements:

- Master's degree in special education or a related field
- New Jersey certification as teacher of students with disabilities
- Three years of successful classroom teaching of students with disabilities
- Up to 12 credits of graduate-level course work in the following four areas:

- Tests and measurements
- Psychology of learning
- Physiological bases of learning
- Foundations of education

If candidates do not already have applicable graduate courses in these areas of study, the courses must be taken as part of the post-master's certification program at The College of New Jersey, in addition to the requirements identified below.

Graduation Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of 12 graduate semester hours earned at The College of New Jersey
- 2) A minimum total of 15 graduate semester hours of core course work

- 3) A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 in the program
- 4) A grade of "B–" or better in SPED 682/Externship in LDT/C
- 5) Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites

Required Courses: 12 cr.

- SPED 624/Advanced Study of Learning Disabilities
- SPED 680/Seminar and Practicum on Diagnostic Procedures
- SPED 681/Seminar and Practicum on Remediation Techniques
- EDUC 682/Externship in LDTC*

Electives 3 cr.

Recommended electives include EDUC 513, SPED 521, SPED 648, or SPED 647.

*Students must complete all other requirements before enrollment and placement in the culminating externship field experience.

Post-Master's Certification Program: Teacher of Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments (SPEC_SCT05)

Amy Dell, Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Special Education

This 24-credit approved program is for students who already hold a master's degree in education and prior certification in elementary education or secondary education.

Admission Requirements:

- Master's degree in education from an accredited or approved institution
- A CEAS or standard in elementary education or secondary education with teachable major

Graduation Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of 18 graduate semester hours earned at The College of New Jersey
- 2) A maximum total of 24 graduate semester hours
- 3) A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0
- 4) A grade of B– or better in Internship II
- 5) Completion of all departmental requirements/prerequisites

Required Courses:

- SPED 675/Research on Implications of Blindness/Visual Impairments
- SPED 673/Literary Braille and Methods for Instruction
- EDUC 513/Collaboration, Consultation, and Partnerships
- SPED 672/Strategies for Teaching Students Who are Blind/Visually Impaired
- SPED 674/Assistive Technology for Blind/Visually Impaired
- SPED 671/Nemeth Code and Strategies for Developing Mathematical Skills in Students Who use Braille
- SPED 695/Internship II: Student Teaching

Electives: Chosen with advisement (in special education). 3 cr.