

Alternate Route to Teaching Program FAQs

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Am I eligible to be certified as a Pre-K teacher through the Alternate Route to Teaching Program?

No, the Alternate Route to Teaching program is for K-12 teachers.

What is the requirement for the Introduction to Teaching course?

The 50-hour course includes 30 hours of instruction, 8 hours of classroom observation, and 12 hours of clinical experience.

What is the process for classroom observation and clinical experience?

Once the Introduction to Teaching course starts, the college will send the official letter to students. With the letter, students need to arrange a school for observation and clinical experience. The 8-hour classroom observation requires 4 hours of observation of the subject area and 4 hours of special education class. Online observation is not eligible. The observation and clinical experience forms must be signed by the school officials and submitted to the instructor before the course completion date.

What are the requirements to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE) to the NJ DOE?

- Bachelor's or higher degree with a 3.0 GPA (2.75 GPA if graduated before September 1, 2016)
- Pass the Praxis Core Test for Educator or SAT, ACT, or GRE score
- Pass the Praxis Subject Test in your subject area to teach
- Mandatory physiology and hygiene tests offered at NJDOE County Ed Office

Where should I contact if I have additional questions about the CE?

Please contact the NJ DOE below if you have questions about a Certificate of Eligibility and requirements.

NJ DOE Contact Information

Hours: MON - FRI 8 AM - 7 PM

Phone: (609) 292-2070

County Offices of Education Website

Bergen County Office Phone: (201) 336-6875

Where can I find information on the Praxis tests?

Please refer to the New Jersey Testing Requirement:

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/epp/state-requirements/certification.html>

Praxis Test Information Bulletin: <https://www.ets.org/pdfs/praxis/praxis-information-bulletin.pdf>

What are passing scores with the Praxis Core test?

- Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading: 156, Math: 150, Writing: 162.

What are passing scores with SAT?

- If taken before 4/1/1995: Math 520, Reading 480
- If taken between 4/1/1995 to 2/28/2016: Math 540, Reading 560
- If taken on or after 3/1/2016: Math 570, 610 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or 30 Reading Section

What are passing scores with ACT?

- If taken before 8/28/1989: Math 23, English 20
- If taken on or after 8/28/1989: Math 23, English 23

What are passing scores with GRE?

- If taken before 8/1/2011: Quantitative 720, Verbal 530
- If taken on or after 8/1/2011: Quantitative 156, Verbal 155

What is required to teach a particular subject?

- Elementary Education requires 60 credits in liberal arts
- Middle School requires 60 credits in liberal arts plus 15 credits in the particular subject
- High School requires 30 credits in the particular subject

What is required to be hired as a provisional teacher?

- CE in the subject area that the teacher is being hired to teach
- Completion of the 50 Hour Pre Service Program (Introduction to Teaching)

What is required to obtain one's permanent teacher's license?

- Two years of full-time teaching with satisfactory school observations
- Completion of the entire alternate route program