NPTNJ General Information

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) is established as a statewide consortium including New Jersey City University (NJCU) and the 19 New Jersey Community Colleges and the affiliated school districts within the State of New Jersey.

Admission Requirements: Stage I - 2.75 Undergraduate GPA and appropriate Undergraduate Major Passing score on Praxis II exam; Certificate of Eligibility issued by NJ Dept of Education **Effective November 1, 2009 a 24hour pre-service component course is required prior to filing for your Certificate of Eligibility. Stage II Promise of Employment from school district and a B or better to progress to Stage II.

Applicable Certifications: Elementary (K-5); Middle School Specializations (5-8) Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Languages; Secondary (K-12): English, math, Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics Major), Biology, Earth Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language

Program Highlights: Available at New Jersey Community Colleges and consists of two Stages that begins with an intensive prep for full time teaching, (Stage I) and continues in September after securing a teaching position, (Stage II) guided in-classroom observations, evening classroom instruction that coincides with the school year and ends with successful completion and recommendation for permanent NJ Teaching Certificate after one provisional year of full time teaching. **Additional course requirements for Elementary Education and Middle School teacher candidates mandated by the NJDOE beginning November 1, 2009 noted below.

Approved program that meets NJDOE alternate route requirements, awards 15 graduate credit/certification program with credit option or permanent teaching certification only with non-credit option.

Graduate credits applicable to Master of Arts in Teaching at NJCU and transferable to other select colleges.

Two Stages:
Stage I: 6 weeks in duration, 60 hours
Must be completed at same community college, but can switch college after Stage I

Stage II: 10 month, 140 hours September – June, 1 night a week.
During Stage II students learn and enhance their classroom teaching, lesson preparation, classroom management, literacy, classroom discipline and curriculum development while attending NPTNJ classes and academic assignments. Students need 1 year of full time or 2 years of part time teaching experience (provisional year) for completion. At the end of provisional year of teaching, it is up to your school district and principal to recommend you to the State Department of Education and the Provisional Teaching office for a Standard Teaching Certificate.

**In addition Stage II teacher candidates in the Elementary Education and the Middle School Specialization area must enroll and complete a 45 hour program in Elementary Language Arts/Literacy and a 45 hour program in Teaching Mathematics as a requirement for final certification.

Enrollment Options: Graduate, Non-Graduate
Graduate: 15 credits applicable to several graduate degree programs at NJCU and transferrable to other graduate programs. Stage I - 4 credits; Stage II - 11 credits

Graduate credit option: enrollees receive information directly from NJCU regarding continuation of graduate studies, matriculation and choice of majors.

Non-Credit option: Same classroom work and obligations as graduate credit option, work toward Standard Teaching Licensure without earning graduate credits.

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