

MCCC → TCNJ

Education Transfer Pathway

WHY THIS AGREEMENT MATTERS

MCCC Education students have a streamlined pathway from the A.A. Education (K-12) to bachelor's degree programs at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). The agreement supports qualified students moving from associate-degree study into TCNJ teacher-preparation programs.

Choose Your TCNJ Pathway

Early Childhood Inclusive Education B.S. — On Campus

Prepares students to teach Preschool through Grade 3.

Elementary Inclusive Education B.S. — On Campus

Prepares students to teach Kindergarten through Grade 6.

Paraprofessional to Teacher B.S. — Fully Online

Designed for students working full time in schools while completing their bachelor's degree and prepares students to teach Kindergarten through Grade 6.

A MAJOR TRANSFER ADVANTAGE

Students who complete MCCC's A.A. Education (K-12) and are admitted to an eligible TCNJ program are considered to have satisfied TCNJ's second-major requirement. Eligible Mercer transfer students may pursue Inclusive Education as their sole major rather than completing an additional major or concentration for graduation.

TCNJ recommends considering a content-area minor, typically five courses, because school districts may value additional preparation in a content area.

Transfer Your Mercer Credits

Students who successfully complete the MCCC A.A. Education (K-12) may transfer **up to 62 credits** toward their TCNJ bachelor's degree. Students then complete the required upper-division coursework, field experiences, clinical practice, and assessments for their selected program.

Who Is Eligible?

The pathway applies to students who enroll in MCCC's A.A. Education (K-12) beginning Fall 2026, successfully complete the associate degree, and meet TCNJ's general and program-specific admission requirements.

TCNJ Admission Requirements

- Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA in associate-degree coursework.
- Complete the MCCC A.A. Education (K-12).
- Submit a formal TCNJ transfer application through Slate.
- Provide required application materials, including letters of recommendation, a writing sample, and a resume.

- Meet any additional TCNJ admission and program-specific requirements.

Teacher Education Requirements

Continued progress in a TCNJ teacher-certification program may also require:

- Background checks
- Field or clinical readiness requirements
- State-mandated testing or documentation

Start Planning Early

Meet with your MCCC Academic Advisor as early as possible. Early planning can help ensure that your Mercer coursework supports your intended TCNJ pathway and that you are prepared for admission and teacher-licensure requirements.

WORKING IN A SCHOOL?

The fully online Paraprofessional to Teacher B.S. pathway is specifically designed to accommodate students working full time in schools while preparing for Kindergarten–Grade 6 teacher licensure.

Please note: *This guide summarizes the MCCC–TCNJ agreement for student planning purposes. The agreement does not guarantee admission. Students must meet TCNJ's general and program-specific admission requirements. Program and licensure requirements are subject to applicable state, accreditation, and institutional standards.*