



Combined New Pathways to Teaching and Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Candidates interested in completing the Alternate Route in Special Education will need to complete two certification programs. In New Jersey, the Teacher of Students with Disabilities is added onto a general education certificate so you will need to complete NPTNJ for your general education certification and Special Education courses for your TOSD certification. You can do these at the same time. Here is the process:

1. Complete all New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) Courses. You can find more information and apply online here: www.njcu.edu/nptnj. When you complete these courses and two years of teaching, you are eligible to apply for your standard certification.
2. Complete 21 credits of special education courses to qualify for the TOSD endorsement. You can complete these courses while you are doing the NPTNJ courses. The New Jersey Department of Education allows you six years to complete both programs. Apply here: <https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/graduate-degrees/special-education-mattosd>
3. Optional Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education. If you complete an additional 3 credits in special education, we will accept 12 of the NPTNJ courses into the degree program so that you are eligible for the Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education.

Eligibility for Elementary Certification and TOSD certification Course Sequence

Pre-requisite: 50-Hour Introduction to Teaching Course

NPTNJ Courses (Credit or Non-Credit)	Special Education Courses (Credit only)
EDU 500 Classroom Management (1 credit)	SPEC 605 Introduction to Educational and Psychologically Exceptional Children (3 credits)
EDU 645 Curriculum and Methods (3 credits)	SPEC 600 Introduction to Learning Disabilities (3 credits)
EDU 628 Learning and Development (3 credits)	SPEC 505 Working with Families of Children with Disabilities (3 credits)

LTED 605 Literacy in the Elem Curriculum (3 credits)	SPEC 508 Helping Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom (3 credits)
EDU 694 Curriculum: Math Science Technology (3 credits)	SPEC 640 Behavior Disorders in Children (3 credits)
EDU 684 Integrating Curriculum & Instruction: Including Diverse Populations (3 credits)	SPEC 669 Development Communication Skills Atypical Children (3 credits)
EDU 691 Curriculum: Social Studies/World Cultures/Creative Arts (3 credits)	SPEC 675 Corrective Techniques for Teaching the Exceptional Children (3 credits)
EDU 693 Educational Assessment (3 credits)	SPEC 629 Teaching the Children with Autism (Optional course to complete the MAT degree) (3 credits)
EDU 672 (edTPA) Internship Seminar (2 credits)	

All courses are online. Courses in bold are transferred into the MAT in Special Education if they are taken for credit or converted to credit.

Eligibility for Content Area Certification (Secondary) and TOSD certification

NPTNJ Courses (Credit or Non-Credit)	Special Education Courses (Credit only)
EDU 500 Classroom Management (1 credit)	SPEC 605 Introduction to Educational and Psychologically Exceptional Children (3 credits) (Also counts for NPTNJ)
EDU 645 Curriculum and Methods (3 credits)	SPEC 600 Introduction to Learning Disabilities (3 credits)
EDU 628 Learning and Development (3 credits)	SPEC 505 Working with Families of Children with Disabilities (3 credits)
LTED 607 Reading in the Secondary School (3 credits)	SPEC 508 Helping Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom (3 credits)
EDU 649 Secondary and Middle School Curriculum (3 credits)	SPEC 640 Behavior Disorders in Children (3 credits)
EDU 684 Integrating Curriculum & Instruction: Including Diverse Populations (3 credits) (SPEC 605 will substitute for this course)	SPEC 669 Development Communication Skills Atypical Children (3 credits)
EDU 616 Innovations in Teaching in Secondary Education (3 credits)	SPEC 675 Corrective Techniques for Teaching the Exceptional Children (3 credits)
EDU 693 Educational Assessment (3 credits)	SPEC 629 Teaching the Children with Autism (Optional course to complete the MAT degree) (3 credits)
EDU 672 (edTPA) Internship Seminar (2 credits)	

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