

EDUCATION

From Study to Skills

The Institute for Effective Education's undergraduate certification program coordinates coursework and field experiences leading to New Jersey Teacher Certification. The Teacher Preparation Program at Rutgers-Camden is a four to five year college degree/certification program that leads to licensure upon completion. Students in this program will earn a Bachelors degree in a subject area and fulfill requirements for New Jersey Teacher Certification. The Teacher Prep program also offers a post baccalaureate certification for people who hold a bachelor's degree and wish to enter the teaching field. The Teacher Prep Program offers certifications in Pre-School through 3rd grade (P-3), Elementary (K-6), Middle School (5-8), Subject Matter Certification (P-12), or Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification (P-12).

Students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and meet the minimum scores on the Praxis CORE exam before admission into the program. In addition, students entering the program with their Bachelor's should note that students must file for student teaching one year ahead of their desired student teaching semester. Prospective students should contact the Teacher Preparation program for additional information on admissions requirements.

The State of New Jersey Department of Education offers an alternative licensing program. This program is intensive in order to get professionals into the classroom quickly and is not transferable to all states. Please refer to the NJ Department of Education website at <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/educators/license/provprogram.htm>

Related Fields: Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Geography, German, History, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Physical Education, Spanish, Theater

Skills and Abilities

Organization Skills- Students will set expectations and goals, maintain records, plan lessons, and develop classroom organization and classroom management methods.

Communication Skills- Students will practice the ability to efficiently deliver material, coach, build confidence, direct student activities, listen, manage student behavior, communicate with parents, write clear lesson plans and reports, and communicate with respect, enthusiasm, and leadership.

Educational Skills- Students will create assignments and exams, gain knowledge of curriculum and standards, develop lesson plans, utilize technology, and practice differentiation teaching.

Internships

Students in the Teacher Preparation Program will not typically complete formal internships. However, students will complete two practicums and a semester of student teaching in which they will be immersed in a classroom setting and be able to put into practice what they have learned. Students who would like to explore teaching as a profession before admission into the program may consider applying to be a substitute teacher, tutoring, or teaching in an afterschool program, summer program, or daycare.

What Careers Are Available For Education Majors

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Education majors:

3rd Grade Teacher, Bellmawr Public School District

3rd Grade Teacher, Cherry Hill Public Schools

4th Grade Teacher, St. Mary School

Biology Teacher, Neshaminy School District

English Teacher, Pemberton Township High School

Mathematics Teacher, Freehold Regional High School

Pre-K Teacher, Lindenwold School District

Spanish Teacher, Cumberland Regional High School

Transition Support Teacher, Philadelphia Board of Education

Graduate School Options

While many students choose to go directly into the workplace after graduation, others will choose to pursue a graduate degree. Rutgers-Camden Education majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees in their subject area, Public Administration, or in Childhood Studies.

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

NEA, National Education Association
www.nea.org

National Council of Teachers of English
www.ncte.org

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
www.nctm.org

National Association of Biology Teachers
www.nabt.org

National Council for the Social Studies
www.socialstudies.org

Consider joining a student group or club on campus, including Student Government Association

Assist a faculty member with their research.

Visit RaptorLink for opportunities in your field of interest.

Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

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