



## Teacher Preparation Program

In addition to both major and general university requirements, undergraduate students interested in obtaining a NJ teaching license through the TPP need to complete the following:

### *Steps to certification – to be completed in the order described below:*

1. Apply to Rutgers University (or re-enroll)
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2. After completing the TPP entrance requirements (a-c below), make an appointment with a TPP staff person
  - a. a 2.8 Rutgers GPA based on at least 2 RU courses,
  - b. a B or better in the Fundamentals of the Teaching Profession course ◇
  - c. and passing Praxis I scores – Reading 177, Writing 177, and Math 175
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3. Sign for a student teaching application one year in advance of the desired student teaching semester – deadlines are late September for Fall student teaching and late January for Spring student teaching. Numbers 4-7 below cannot be completed unless a Student Teaching application has been filed by the stated deadline.
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4. Two semesters prior to student teaching, enroll in your assigned first Practicum course ◇/○
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5. One semester prior to student teaching, enroll in your second assigned Practicum course ◇/○
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6. Complete the Student Teaching and Student Teaching Seminar courses ◇/○ (12 credits total)
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7. Apply for a state license through the TPP office

All TPP courses must be completed BEFORE the Start of the Student Teaching semester and all must have a grade of “C” or better.

In addition, **Post-baccalaureate** students need to fulfill TPP requirements that were not completed as an undergraduate student and must be able to show evidence of 30 liberal arts credits in a major or concentration, 12 of which must be at the 300 level or higher

- ◇ Course MUST be taken at Rutgers
- \* A higher numbered Math course may be substituted for one of these requirements
- 50:964:101 pre-requisite

### *Ongoing ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY requirements – to be completed in any order:*

English Comp I (50:350:101)
English Comp II (50:350:102)
ONE US History course (50:512:....)
ONE non-US History course (50:510 or 50:516:....)
ONE Global Studies or Diversity course
ONE Biology (50:120:101/102/105/106 or 990:253, 254)
Fundamentals of the Teaching Profession (50:964:101) ◇
Sociology of Education (50:920:345) OR Education in America (50:512:230)
Educational Psychology (50:830:301)
Reading & Writing – Elementary Curriculum (50:350:309) OR Secondary Curriculum (50:350:310)
Contemporary Issues – Elementary Education (50:964:301) OR Secondary Education (50:964:302) ◇/○
Methods & Issues – Elementary (50:964:371) OR a specific subject matter field (Art, English, Foreign Lang., Math, Music, SS, Science, Theater) ◇/○

Additional ELEMENTARY course requirements – to be taken in any order and at any institution:

Mathematics (50:640:103) *
Mathematics (50:640:104) *
Literature of Childhood (50:350:360)
Geography and the World (50:790:284)

Additional SECONDARY course requirements – to be taken in any order and at any institution:

ONE Mathematics course (50:640:...) must be a for-credit course
ONE Social Science elective (anthropology, criminal justice, political science, psychology, sociology, or urban studies)

Note that Social Studies and Physical Science certificates have additional course requirements. See <http://teacherprep.camden.rutgers.edu> for details.



## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. Q. What is the TPP?

- A. The Teacher Preparation Program is an undergraduate certificate program that coordinates coursework and field experiences leading to New Jersey Teacher certification (CEAS- Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing) with endorsements in elementary education (K-5) and / or a subject matter field (K-12), pending passing Praxis II scores.

### 2. Q. When do I need to apply for admission into the TPP?

- A. There is no fixed date for application into the program. However, in order to file for student teaching, which must be accomplished one full year prior to the student teaching semester, and take some professional preparation courses, it is to your benefit to apply as soon as possible – usually at the end of the first term of Rutgers-Camden attendance.

### 3. Q. Who manages the TPP? How may I contact these persons?

- A. Currently, there are three full-time staff who oversee the day-to-day operations of the program.

Director	Dr. Sara M. Becker	sbecke01@camden.rutgers.edu	856-225-6409
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Until students are enrolled at Rutgers-Camden, we do not grant face-to-face conference sessions.

**However, we will answer your questions via telephone or email.**

### 4. Q. What type of certification / endorsement may I seek through the Rutgers-Camden TPP?

- A. All students who complete the Rutgers-Camden TPP receive a CEAS Instructional Certificate in either Elementary or Subject Matter/Secondary Education.

A K-5 endorsement is a GENERALIST endorsement. You will be able to teach all subjects in the traditional self-contained elementary classroom.

A K-12 endorsement is a SPECIALIST endorsement. In theory, you will be able to teach the subject matter of your endorsement (e.g. English) AND ONLY THAT SUBJECT at all grade levels; however, in practice, you will likely teach your subject in departmentalized grades 6 – 12.

### 5. Q. Will I get my bachelor's degree through the TPP?

- A. No. Rutgers-Camden does not offer a degree program in education. Your degree must be in a liberal arts or science discipline. Your bachelor's degree, however, is necessary before the State of New Jersey Department of Education will issue you a license to teach.

### 6. Q. If I am a post-baccalaureate student, can I use my major from my undergraduate studies?

- A. Yes. The Teacher Preparation Program will recognize an overall GPA of 2.8 from a student who possesses a baccalaureate or masters degree from a four-year institution. Post baccalaureate students from outside institutions (i.e. non-Rutgers graduates) who have a grade-point average of less than 2.8 in their academic major or concentration are not eligible for the Teacher Preparation Program with reference to that major or concentration (since the grade-point average cannot be adjusted), and we cannot accept a concentration or major from a B.S. degree. Degreed students in this situation may choose another subject matter concentration in order to pursue certification. This option does not necessarily require an additional degree or major, *per se*.

\*\* More information can be obtained by visiting the Program website at: <http://teacherprep.camden.rutgers.edu> and the most recent catalog of the College of Arts and Sciences at <http://catalogs.rutgers.edu/current.shtml> \*\*