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Becoming a Certified Teacher with Paterson Public Schools
Guidance through the CE Alternate Route

Establishing Eligibility

Certificate of Eligibility (CE)

The Certificate of Eligibility (CE) is issued to an individual who has not completed a teacher preparation program but meets the basic requirements for certification, including academic study and applicable test requirements. The CE authorizes an individual to seek and accept employment in New Jersey public schools requiring certification.



Degree Requirement

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.



Cumulative GPA Requirement

• New Jersey requires that candidates for certification have a GPA of at least 3.0 graduating on or after September 1, 2016
(2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.



Praxis II Test Requirement

- Applicants for New Jersey licensure in subject teaching fields, early childhood, elementary, middle and high school education must pass the appropriate PRAXIS Subject Assessment.



Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

• This requirement may be completed by choosing one of the following options:
1.) Present evidence of basic military training
2.) Complete a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript
3.) Complete an online test. You must have a tracking number and an application on file on NJEDCERT to take this test.



For further information from the NJDOE website regarding teacher certification, please visit: https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/teachers/alternate/index.shtml

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Ready to Teach in Paterson Public Schools?

1 I'm certified to teach in another State

Paterson Public Schools extends a warm welcome to out-of-state applicants holding an equivalent teaching certificate. However, such applicants are required to apply for a New Jersey teaching certificate through interstate reciprocity. Explore further information regarding available certificates and the reciprocity policies for teaching in New Jersey.

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2 I already hold a NJ Teacher Certification

If you currently possess a New Jersey teaching certificate, whether it's a CEAS, CE, Limited CE or Standard certification, we invite you to explore available positions on our website and submit your application.

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3 I have a Bachelor's Degree but no NJ Teacher Certification

You can still pursue certification!
See form attached on "Becoming a Certified Teacher with Paterson Public Schools" Guide through the alternate route.

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4 I don't meet one of the requirements for the CE.

You can still pursue certification!
To be eligible for the limited CE, candidates must hold a bachelor's degree and meet all CE requirements except the candidate may be waived from exactly one of the requirement. Scan QR code to learn more about the pilot program.

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Apply Now

Scan the QR to inquire!

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Have Questions? Contact us!

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