

# Language Credentialing

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## Provisional Teacher (NJ)

### Description

When an applicant is hired, the district/school must register the applicant into the PTP and a NJ Provisional Certificate is issued.  
Certificate Valid for 2 Years  
Certificate of Eligibility (CE) or Certificate of Eligibility Advanced Standing (CEAS) Required.  
Employment: Required

### State Information

State: New Jersey

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Contact Email: [ptp@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:ptp@doe.state.nj.us)

For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/provprogram.htm>

### Notes

An individual cannot apply for this certificate. Rather, it is the employing district that applies for this certificate on behalf of the applicant. This two-year certificate is requested by the employing school district for a newly hired teacher after he/she obtains a CE or CEAS and a full-time teaching position. This certificate legalizes employment. Both mentoring and supervision and evaluation are required under this certificate. Alternate route teachers will also be required to complete formal instruction.

### Minimum Academic Background

**In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.**

The following is required for this route:

BA Degree + Completed State Approved Teacher Education Program

GPA: 3.0

**Prior Certification:** Must Hold Current (STATE) Certification

### Basic Skills

**In most states, teachers must verify basic skills in English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.**

The following is required for this route:

**English:**

Exam(s): One exam is required.

- [SAT](#)
- [ACT](#)
- [GRE](#)

**Math:**

Exam(s): One exam is required.

- [SAT](#)
- [ACT](#)
- [GRE](#)

### Notes

Applicant must hold CE or CEAS. After September 1, 2015, achieve a minimum score established by the Department on a Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills, or score at least 1660 combined critical reading, writing, and mathematics score on the SAT, at least a 23 on the ACT, or at least a 4.0 on the analytical writing section and a combined score of 310 on the quantitative and verbal sections of the GRE. Official scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the NJ Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Please submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exam.

### Teacher Preparation

**In most states, teachers are required to complete training in education methods through a teacher program.**

The following is required for this route:

Course needed: 24 hours of study (See Notes).

### **Content Language and English Language Proficiency**

**In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.**

The following is required for this route:

**Content Language Proficiency:**

**Exam(s):** Exams are language specific.

- [ACTFL OPI](#)  
Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese-Cantonese, Chinese-Mandarin, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Egyptian, English, French, German, Greek, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swahili, Filipino/Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese
- [Praxis II \(French, German, Spanish\)](#)

Course needed: 30 credits in a coherent sequence in (WL) (See Notes)

Accept Scores from Out of State

### **Additional Requirements for this route include the following:**

#### **Teaching English As a Second Language:**

Course needed: 3 Semester hour credits in second language acquisition

Second Language Acquisition & Related Methodologies Please note that before a CEAS or standard certificate may be issued, a minimum of 3 semester-hour credits in second language acquisition theory and related methodologies offered by a regionally accredited two or four year college or university must be completed. A list of approved courses to meet this requirement can be accessed at the following website:

[www.state.nj.us/njded/aps/cccs/wl/courses.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/aps/cccs/wl/courses.htm). This course is not required in order to receive a CE.

#### **Notes:**

ACTFL OPI: Passing Score: Advanced Low for All languages except Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. ACTFL OPI: Passing Score: Intermediate High for Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Applicants must complete 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the Content Language. A coherent sequence requires that at least 12 credits are completed at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level). Examples of courses accepted for Content Languages include language and culture. Related courses may be accepted depending on the course description/content. Please provide a course description if a course is not taken from the NJ Other Foreign Languages Department. Please note: courses in pedagogy/education are not accepted towards Content Language preparation. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the Content Language is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college/university transcript. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of basic pedagogical skills appropriate to the Content Language prior to the issuance of a certificate. The requirements may be met through successful completion of a minimum of 24 hours of study offered through a state-approved provider or through approved coursework at a NJ State approved college as documented on a transcript. If submitting a Certificate of Completion for the 24 hour pre-service to meet this requirement, only original documentation will be accepted. Copies or faxes will not be accepted. See: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/> for details and a list of approved courses and providers

#### **Applying to the State**

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the

application are outlined below:

**Application Submission:** School District

**School District Requirements:**

Confirmation of Enrollment in Internship

Confirmation of Mentor

**Copy of Academic Transcripts:** Required

**Copy of International Records:** Required

Transcript Evaluation Required

**URL:** [http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp\\_agency\\_accepted\\_by\\_states=new-jersey](http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp_agency_accepted_by_states=new-jersey)

**Renewal:** Nonrenewable

After completion of the PTP, a teacher may be recommended for a standard certificate.

**Notes:**

Once applicant has secured employment, it is the responsibility of the hiring school district to enroll her/him in the Provisional Teacher Program. A provisional certificate is then issued which is valid for a period of two years. The PTP is a school-based training and evaluation program provided during the first year of teaching in New Jersey. Applicant must ensure school district completes this step in the process. While working as a provisional alternate route teacher the applicant must be mentored by a colleague in the district and be supervised and evaluated by district personnel.

Oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form - only to be completed by US Citizens: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/forms/verify.pdf>

An original foreign credential evaluation from a reputable agency for all coursework completed outside the United States. The documentation should state the degree equivalency from a regionally accredited four-year college program completed within the United States; semester-hour equivalents of each area of college-level study in a course-by-course format, and the cumulative baccalaureate and advanced degree GPAs. The New Jersey DOE provides transcript evaluations to determine if applicant coursework meets certification requirements for a \$70.00 evaluation fee.

**GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE**

New Jersey Specific: Physiology and Hygiene Requirement This requirement may be completed by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. See: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/county.htm> in order to contact a county office of education after you apply online. Concurrent with employment, applicant must attend formal instruction that is required for the certificate. The formal instruction requirements are: Subject Area CE: A minimum of 200 hours of formal instruction at a state approved regional training center or NJ college or university alternate route Master of Arts in Teaching Program. For World Language candidates, a course in methodology must also be completed. A list of approved courses is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/wl/courses.htm> Information about regional training center locations will be made available by the hiring school district. DOE approved college-based alternate route programs: Fairleigh Dickinson University Alternate Route MAT Kean University Alternate Route Program New Jersey City University New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey New Jersey City University World Languages Alternate Route - Spanish William Paterson University/Kean University New Vistas Program Once the PTP has been successfully completed, a Standard teaching certificate can be issued by the OLC. The standard certificate is a permanent certificate issued to candidates who have met all requirements for State certification.