



GETTING STARTED

Do you:

Hold a BA/BS degree or higher, with a minimum GPA of 2.75?

If so:

1. Complete and pass the Praxis exam(s) in the area of teacher licensure desired. See www.ets.org. Some areas of certification require two exams.
 - a. Check the list of exam requirements at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/1112.pdf>
2. Take the *Introduction to Teaching 24-Hour Pre-Service Program*. We offer this course. See schedule on the HCCC website: www.hccc.edu/newpathways.
3. Order three official copies of your transcript(s) from each school attended. As long as transcripts are in sealed envelopes they remain “official.”
4. Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE), which is awarded by the New Jersey Department of Education, online at: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/>. You need a CE to obtain a teaching job and begin the certification process. Depending on the time period, the NPTNJ office at HCCC can help you submit the “hard copies” you will be asked to send to the DOE.
5. Once you receive a CE, complete an NPTNJ Program application and send all application documents to:
HCCC Community Education
Attn: New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey
161 Newkirk Street, E218
Jersey City, NJ 07306

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Attend an INFORMATION SESSION, to learn more about NPTNJ, scheduled periodically at HCCC.

Go to www.hccc.edu/newpathways and <http://www.nptnj.org/>.

Apply for the Substitute Teacher Certification. You can do this through a local school district board of education office or the County Superintendent’s Office. Substitute teaching is a great way to meet people at the school and district level and will test your interest in the teaching field.