

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1013)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Applicants who hold a CE in Preschool through Grade 3 are required to attend a State approved Preschool through Grade 3 program consisting of a minimum of 24 semester hour credits to secure full licensure. If you plan to seek work in New Jersey under a P-3 CE and complete the 24 semester hour credits while working under provisional licensure, you must enroll in a Department approved-New Jersey college or university program. Current regulations do not permit provisional teachers working under a Preschool through Grade 3 endorsement to teach in a P3 setting while attending a Preschool through Grade 3 program outside of New Jersey. Please consult the Office of Certification and Induction if you have any questions before enrolling in an out of state or online P-3 program.

TO AVOID DELAYS: After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation **together** in a **single packet** to the address below. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents. Please include your tracking number in all correspondence with our office.

**NJ Department of Education
Office of Certification and Induction
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

This endorsement entitles the holder to:

- Teach preschool through grade three in public schools and to teach public school students in approved settings providing early childhood education
- Teach language arts literacy, mathematics, science, computer and information literacy, and social studies full-time, integrating educational technology where appropriate in grades preschool through three
- Teach world languages full-time in grades preschool through three pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:9B-10.5
- Teach all remaining subjects in grades preschool through three no more than one-half of the daily instructional assignment in all public schools

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 achieve a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade** for students 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.
- Please note that there are [GPA Flexibility Rules](#) where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

Subject Matter Preparation

- For certification as a P-3 teacher, completion of a major in the liberal arts, sciences, or a minimum of 60 liberal arts credits is required. A "Liberal arts major" means any college major **such as** philosophy, history, literature, sociology, science, mathematics, or world language that is intended primarily to provide general knowledge and to develop an individual's general intellectual capacities to reason and evaluate, as opposed to professional or vocational skills. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the subject matter 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.**

Testing Requirements

Praxis II Test Requirement

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.**

- **[Basic Skills Assessment Requirement](#) (choose one)**

All candidates applying for their initial CE must pass a Commissioner-approved [test of basic skills](#). 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 exams.**

OR

[Score in the top one-third percentile](#) on the SAT, ACT, or GRE for the year the test was taken. Official score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency.

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. Please contact a [county office](#) of education **after** you apply online.

Fee Requirement

- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the payment [online](#)
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

Online Certificate Information

- All information regarding applications and certifications is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date, if applicable. Instructions to view this information can be found [here](#).
- In order to make certification information available more quickly, this information will appear on our website in lieu of the issuance of paper certificates. If you would like to view the status of your application, then please visit our [application status check](#).

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number on all documents that you send to our office.

**IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS,
THEN [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.**

New Jersey Approved Preschool – Grade 3 College Programs*

College/University	Programs
Bloomfield College Teacher Education 467 Franklin Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003 973-748-9000 ext 309	Bloomfield offers an undergraduate post-baccalaureate program for holders of other licenses and a specialized alternate route program.
Kean University College of Education 1000 Morris Avenue Union, NJ 07083 908-527-2136	Kean offers a bachelor's degree dual certification program for elementary and P - 3, and post-baccalaureate non-degree programs for initial certification and for second endorsements for already certified teachers. It offers a master's degree program and a graduate endorsement program. In addition, Kean offers a specialized alternate route program.
Monmouth University School of Education 400 Cedar Avenue West Long Branch, NJ 07764 732-571-7558	Monmouth offers a graduate program for holders of other licenses.
Montclair State University College of Education Chapin Hall 106 Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 973-655-5167	Montclair offers a bachelor's degree program, the specialized alternate route program, a graduate endorsement program, and a master of arts in teaching program in Early Childhood Education.
New Jersey City University College of Education 2039 Kennedy Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07305 201-200-3111	New Jersey City offers five programs in early childhood education: a bachelor's degree; a bachelor's degree leading to dual certification in elementary and P - 3; a graduate first certificate program; a graduate second endorsement program and a specialized alternate route program.
William Paterson University College of Education 300 Pompton Road Wayne, NJ 07470 973-720-2138	William Paterson offers a bachelor's degree program, a graduate program for initial certification, second endorsements for already certified teachers and a specialized alternate route program.

**This list represents programs approved as of August 2017.*