

## Welcome to the NPTNJ Introduction to Teaching

### 24-Hour Pre-service Program

We hope you enjoy this brief course introducing you to the challenging and rewarding profession of teaching. Enrollment in this 24-hour pre-service program is your first step to fulfilling numerous requirements on your journey to becoming a certified New Jersey teacher.

After completing the Introduction to Teaching 24-Hour Pre-service Program, you are ready to move ahead with fulfilling the other alternate route to certification requirements. The following information may answer some of your questions and help with your next steps.

- All alternate route programs require a Certificate of Eligibility (CE). For comprehensive information on obtaining a CE please see <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/>
- The various New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) approved alternate route programs have different requirements and are offered in varying formats. Alternate route programs are either regional training center or college-based programs. For comprehensive information on all NJDOE approved alternate route programs see <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/provprogram.htm>
- New Pathways to Teaching in NJ (NPTNJ) alternate route program is a college-based program and offers an excellent choice for your alternate route education. *Please understand that enrollment in the NPTNJ Introduction to Teaching 24-Hour Pre-service course does not mean you have been admitted to the NPTNJ alternate route program.*

Please see the reverse side for information on the NPTNJ alternate route program.

Enjoy the journey, whichever alternate route program is right for you!

## **New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) Alternate route to certification program**

We hope you will choose NPTNJ for your alternate route program. The program is highly regarded, offering a graduate or non-credit option, excellent instructors, and a supportive cohort of classmates.

The program is conveniently offered at 15 NJ community colleges. Students may easily transfer from one college to another between Stage I and II.

The program is a partnership between the participating community colleges and New Jersey City University (NJCU).

Admission Requirements:

- NPTNJ requires a BS, BA or higher degree and a 2.75 GPA for admission even for those whose degree was conferred before 9/1/04.
- People with these qualifications and a Certificate of Eligibility (CE) may enroll in NPTNJ Stage I before obtaining a teaching job. Depending on the college Stage I is offered 1-3 times a year.
- A provisional teaching job is required for NPTNJ Stage II.
- Stage II is a year-long program, September-June during your provisional teaching year. Classes meet one night a week. Attendance is required.

For detailed information request an NPTNJ Overview and plan to attend an information session. The NPTNJ Overview and dates of information sessions may be obtained at the Ocean County College School Relations office, (732) 255-0477, or visit our website at <http://www.ocean.edu/campus/osr/alternate.htm>.