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## **SUMMER SESSION FOR *NEW PATHWAYS TO TEACHING* STAGE 1 BEGINS IN JULY**

TOMS RIVER – To address the statewide teacher shortage, **New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey** is an alternate route teacher education program that helps individuals with bachelor's degrees become licensed teachers without completing a traditional teacher training program. **Stage I** classes will meet **Mondays and Wednesdays, July 7 through August 16** from 5:00 to 8:45 p.m. on Ocean County College's Main Campus, located on College Drive in Toms River, NJ.

Students may choose to take the program as either a teacher certification requirement to become a teacher in New Jersey or for graduate-level credit toward a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from New Jersey City University (NJCU). Stage I is a 60-hour pre-service program of in-class instruction with additional hours of guided classroom observations. Stage II is a 165-hour program with content-specific courses.

In order to qualify for Stage I, program candidates must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with either a major in an arts and sciences field for elementary education or a major in the appropriate field for subject area license along with a Certificate of Eligibility. Candidates must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher for the last degree earned. Other requirements may apply.

This alternate route to teaching program is a partnership between NJ community colleges, NJCU, the NJ Department of Education, the NJ Association of School Administrators, and the NJ Principals and Supervisors Association.

**To register or for more information, contact School Relations at 732.255.0477.**