

Certification 101

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STEPS TO OBTAINING CERTIFICATION AS AN ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHER

STEP 1

Establishing Eligibility

Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE)

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree
- 3.0 GPA minimum (GPA/Praxis Test Scores Flexibility Rules)
- Pass the CORE basic skills assessment (offered by ETS)
- Mandated hygiene test (offered at NJDOE County Education Office)
- Passing score on the Praxis II exam for the license you seek
- Completion of 50-hour pre-service teaching course (may be completed before or after receiving CE)

The [Certifications and Endorsements](#) webpage outlines the requirements for certificates.

*Ocean County College offers the 50-hour pre-service course online and in person. Visit go.ocean.edu/AlternateRoute for additional details.

STEP 5

Enroll in an Alternate Route CE Teacher Training Program

- Take Phases I-IV over two years
- Complete a minimum of one year of mentored teaching
- Receive at least two years of effective ratings over three years, based on Achieve NJ evaluations
- Pass the 350 hours of formal instruction (Phases I, II, III, and IV). Teacher candidates must be enrolled as a teacher of record to enroll in the programs.

*Once your district/charter school registers you with the NJDOE provisional teacher system, you **MUST ENROLL** in alternate route teacher training courses with your provisional license. You will also be assigned a mentor teacher!

STEP 6

Complete All NJDOE Requirements for Alternate Route

STEP 2

Obtain Your Certificate of Eligibility (CE)

STEP 3

Begin Your Job Search

- Apply to the Ocean County College Alternate Route Educator Preparation Program (OCC-AR-EPP).
- Complete a 50-hour pre-service course (must be completed before teaching).
- Your Certificate of Eligibility (CE) enables you to begin your job search. Securing a full-time position as the teacher of record or a full-time permanent substitute position is required.
- Enroll in the 350 hours of formal instruction (only applicable once hired).

STEP 7

Apply for Your Standard Teaching Certificate!

Note: A candidate cannot apply for the standard teaching certificate; this certificate is requested by a school district.

STEP 4

Start Teaching



For more information, call 732-255-0415 or email alternateroute@ocean.edu

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