

New Jersey Alternate Route Programming Narrative

Mission

The Alternate-route to teaching is structured as a *non-traditional teacher preparation program* designed for those individuals who have not completed a formal teacher preparation program at an accredited college or university, but wish to obtain the necessary training to become a NJ certified teacher. Our goal for the past 30 years has been to welcome into the profession a wide range of talented and experienced career professionals and to provide affordable routes for additional certification for existing teachers.

Context within your greater college/university community

Currently, the Department of Education approves Alternate Route programs that are diverse in their context and operations. All of our programs are run by or have developed connections with New Jersey universities.

Teacher Candidate Population

All New Jersey Alternate Route programs are poised to meet the needs of a novice teacher and support their learning and development as new teachers; either new to the field or new to their endorsement area. Typically, our programs have a range of young college graduates to career changers both male and female coming from all different cultural backgrounds.

Distinctive Features

There are 3 distinct options for alternate route training in New Jersey: Regional Training Center Programming, MAT or for Credit Training Programs and Specialized Endorsement Programs. The range of the training available to potential teacher candidates provides the ultimate flexibility for novice teachers. These different training options have also allowed for creative partnerships and innovative solutions to district needs.