

The Teacher Preparation Program at Rutgers Camden is an undergraduate program that coordinates on-campus instruction and field experiences leading to a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing. The Program offers certifications, approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, in Preschool through Third Grade, K-6, Elementary with Specialization in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, and Subject matter certification (P-12) in art, biological science, chemistry, English, French, German, mathematics, music, physics, physical science, social studies, Spanish, special education, speech arts and dramatics, and theater.

At present, Rutgers-Camden is a comprehensive campus with a broad range of undergraduate and graduate educational opportunities for a diverse and expanding group of students. Coursework in teacher education on the Camden campus can be traced back to 1939. From then to the present, the program's foundational framework has been based upon a theoretical conceptualization whereby our students are poised to enter into the profession with a strong background in the liberal arts and significant pre-professional field experience. Program completers are prepared to demonstrate that they are highly qualified teachers based upon their completion of the general requirements for the degree, requirements unique to their academic majors, and the requirements associated with their professional preparation course work and field experiences.

The Teacher Prep Program employs three full time instructors, an administrative assistant, and several part-time lecturers. The total student body of Rutgers Camden is composed of 6,627 undergraduate and graduate students (Fall 2011 data). These students hail from 29 U.S. states and the District of Columbia and from 33 different countries. The population of the Teacher Preparation Program is drawn from the entire campus student body, and it numbers around 150 students. From this number, roughly half seek an elementary or early childhood license, while the other half are dispersed among the various P-12 licenses.