



Rowan University - College of Education  
Special Educational Services / Instruction Department

**Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement  
Program: Teacher of Students with  
Disabilities - Blended Track**

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## **Who is eligible?**

Matriculated students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work at Rowan and who are currently enrolled in one of the following College of Education's Bachelor of Education Programs for Initial Instructional Endorsement:

- Preschool / Early Childhood,
- Elementary,
- Subject Area Specialization, or
- Health and Exercise Science

## **How do I apply to the program?**

You must:

1. Attend one of the regularly scheduled information meetings with the Program Coordinator OR schedule a meeting with the Program Advisor or Program Coordinator to discuss the program and to have any questions you may have answered;
2. Complete the *Matriculation Form for Students Currently Enrolled in a COE Teacher Endorsement Program*; and
3. Schedule a time with the Program Advisor or Coordinator to complete the initial interview and entrance essay.

## **What courses must I take?**

All students in the College of Education's BA in Education Programs take 1 or more of the courses needed for the Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement Program as part of their Initial Instructional Endorsement Program. See the *Additional Course Requirements, by Program Form*

## **Are there any Field Requirements?**

The New Jersey Administrative Code mandates that there be a field requirement for each course in each endorsement program. The Code further requires that these field requirements increase in duration and intensity as the program progresses.

To ensure that this requirement is met for the Teacher of Students with Disabilities Program, all students must complete a *Field Experience Form* at the start of each semester. When possible, field experiences are coordinated across courses.

However, to meet our national accrediting organization's requirements, we need to ensure that students experience a variety of special education environments as they progress through the program. Therefore, it may be necessary to have more than one field placement in a given semester. The field requirements for each course offered by the Special Educational Services / Instruction Department are listed in the *Field Experience Matrix*.

## **How / when do I apply for certification?**

You must complete a Certification Application (available online on the Office of Field Experiences Web page) during the semester that you complete your Clinical Practice for Special Education. The form is then submitted to the Program Advisor. Upon review, to assure that all required coursework has been completed and all exit requirements have been met, the application will be forwarded to the College of Education's Certification Officer. Then, upon successful completion of your Clinical Practice, the application will be forwarded to the State for processing.

There are three stages to becoming eligible for permanent certification in the State of New Jersey:

- 1. CE (Certificate of Eligibility) or CEAS (Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing)**
  - permits you to apply for a teaching position
  - permanent, no expiration date
- 2. Provisional Instructional Certificate**
  - processed by your school district after you have been offered a position
  - has a lifespan of 2 years, with re-application permitted twice
  - if, after 6 years, you have not qualified for a standard certificate, you will not be able to teach under that endorsement in the state
- 3. Standard Instructional Certificate**
  - processed by your district after the appropriate personnel certify that you have successfully completed at least 1 year of teaching under the provisional instructional certificate, and
  - you have completed all of the requirements of the Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement Program

**Note:** You only have to pay for the CE/CEAS – the fee also covers the Provisional and Standard certificates

### **With the endorsement, what am I certified to teach?**

The Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement permits you to teach students from preschool through grade 12. However, in order to be able to provide more than support instruction, you must have an appropriate initial endorsement (i.e., P-3; K-5; K-12; H/PE) for the grade level you wish to teach, and be highly qualified in the subject area(s) you wish to teach (i.e., passing score(s) on the appropriate Praxis II exams).

### **Ongoing Advisement:**

In order to ensure that sufficient classes are scheduled each semester, it is imperative that all endorsement candidates meet with the Program Advisor or Program Coordinator each semester. In addition, in order to assure that your questions are answered in a timely manner, group meeting times will be scheduled each semester. These times will be posted on the Department's Web Page and a copy of the schedule will be posted outside of the Program Advisor's and Program Coordinator's offices. All meetings will be in the department's conference room.

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