



New Jersey alternative licensing program

All options require the mentoring program described below. Alternate options for obtaining a Career Technical Education (CTE) license in New Jersey (NJ) is available for individuals who have:

- a Bachelor's degree,
- an Associate's degree and two years employment experience, or
- who have four years employment experience may be candidates for this program.

The Provisional Teacher Program for Career and Technical Education teachers currently consists of 200 hours of instruction in a NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) approved alternate route program, which includes mentoring.

Mentoring for New Jersey's alternative CTE license is defined as:

- 34 weeks of support by a mentoring school-based, experienced teacher
- Includes four weeks of intensive mentoring at the beginning of the program
- Supervision & evaluations are conducted by school-based administrators which includes a final evaluation recommending the novice teacher for standard certification.
- Applicants must also complete the NJDOE two-hour Safety and Health Certificate Training.

Note: *The Career and Technical Education Alternate Route Program at Brookdale Community College is a NJ Department of Education approved program and is the only approved program for Career and Technical.*

The NJ Department of Education administers and monitors existing legislation, and awards the initial Certificate of Eligibility as well as the final Standard CTE license.

New Jersey has one teacher prep college. They do not have separate college courses by CTE pathway. The district hires the individuals and provides a mentoring program.

NJ DOE Information on costs and awards

Cost of Certificate to the individual student applicant is	\$190
District Mentorships. Students pays	\$1,000
College Courses Students pays	\$1,950

Note: Student have to provide evidence that they have met all requirement including Praxis I academic exams, (reading and math) and CTE subject matter Praxis II exams.

DOE awards a standard CTE license

NJ DOE licensure Criteria: Includes all of the following

- Certificate of Eligibility, all applicants have to provide evidence of work experience in the field. 400 hours without a degree or 200 hours in ten months with an AA degree or higher
- Applicants have to take and pass reading and math tests
- Applicants have to take and pass subject matter tests in their CTE area
- All students have to complete and pass a 10 month prep college courses and the School district Mentorship

District Mentorship Program:

- Provides mentor
- Monitor
- Evaluate
- Completes report for NJ DOE

College prep:

- All students take classes as a group. They do not have separate courses for health T & I Service Occupation Agriculture
- They take 18 to 20 students at a time
- Program Length is approx. 10 months (total hours 200)

All students in the College Prep take these course:

- Theory and Practice of CTE
- Standards of Effective Practice
- Teacher Education Sequence
- Classroom Management

For additional information, please visit [New Jersey Department of Education website](http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/cte/)
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