

Newark/Montclair Urban Teaching Residency Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility and Application:

What kind of person is a good candidate for NMUTR?

You must have a commitment to social justice work in an urban setting. You also must be dedicated to the subject or subjects you will be teaching.

What undergraduate major qualifies me for this program?

You must have completed your undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. For the P-3 or K-5 certifications, you must have completed a liberal arts curriculum. For the subject matter certification, you must have completed an undergraduate degree in the subject that you are preparing to teach.

Do I have to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to apply to NMUTR?

Yes.

What options are available in the program? The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with dual certification in Early childhood Elementary Education (P3 or K-5) and Teacher of Students with Disabilities, and the MAT in content area certification in Math or Science.

Yes. Depending on your educational background and interests, you have the option to pick between the two programs offered, which are *The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with dual certification in Early childhood Elementary Education (P3 or K-5) and Teacher of Students with Disabilities, and the MAT in content area certification in Math or Science*

What grades does a subject matter license permit me to teach?

It permits you to teach your subject at any level. You can use this license for middle school as well as high school.

What are the required Praxis exams?

	<i>passing score</i>	<i>Test code</i>	
Early Childhood P-3	159	10022	<u>Early Childhood: Content Knowledge</u>
Elementary K-5	141	10014	<u>Elementary Content Knowledge</u> (calculator allowed)
Mathematics	137	10061	<u>Mathematics: Content Knowledge</u> (graphing calculator required)
Science, Biology	152	20235	<u>Biology: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
		10435	AND <u>General Science: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
Science, Chemistry	152	20245	<u>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
		10435	AND <u>General Science: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)

Science, Earth Science	153	20571	<u>Earth Space Sciences: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
			AND
		10435	<u>General Science: Content Knowledge</u> , (calculator prohibited)
Science, Physical Science	152	20245	<u>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
			AND
	141	10265	<u>Physics: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
			AND
		10435	<u>General Science: Content Knowledge</u> , (calculator prohibited)
Science, Physics	141	10265	<u>Physics: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)
			AND
		10435	<u>General Science: Content Knowledge</u> (calculator prohibited)

What test is required for the admissions application?

You take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.

Are career changers welcome in this program?

Career changers are strongly encouraged to apply. Varied life experience is an asset in the applicant review process.

The Program

When does the program begin?

The Early Childhood/Elementary Program begins in January of each year. The Secondary Math/Science program starts in June of each year. There are no exceptions to scheduled start dates.

How long is the program?

The MAT in Early Childhood/Elementary Education with Teacher of Students with Disabilities program will take eighteen months to complete, including course work and community experiences during the summer.

The MAT in Mathematics or Science will take twelve months to complete, including course work and community experiences during the summer.

Is the program limited to Newark?

Yes. The Newark Public Schools and Montclair State University are partners in this residency program, designed to develop outstanding teachers for Newark Public Schools.

What is an apprenticeship program?

You will be apprenticed to an experienced teacher in one classroom where you will work four days per week. Your course work will take place over the equivalent of one day and will also be located in the Newark Public Schools. You will visit other Newark schools to observe specific examples of good teaching practice.

Will I do fieldwork and student teaching?

The traditional fieldwork and student teaching are folded into the program and take place throughout the experience.

How will I get to know about childrens' lives in the city of Newark?

During the summer months, participants engage in internships in a wide variety of community based organizations that are a robust component of the life of the city.

Degree and license

What degree do I receive at the end of this program?

You will earn one of four Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degrees: Early Childhood Education with Dual Certification in Teacher of Students with Disabilities; Elementary Education with Dual Certification in Teacher of Students with Disabilities, Mathematics (secondary) or a field of Science (secondary.)

Finances

How much does tuition cost?

Tuition is free to you, the resident. All tuition is paid by the residency program.

Will I have to pay any fees?

Yes. The University application fee is \$60.00. Each Praxis II exam costs \$80. The fee for the GRE General Test is \$150. The cost of a single teaching license in New Jersey is \$190. There are also finger printing fees and substitute license fees. The Residency Program does not cover any of these fees (all subject to change.)

Does the residency program pay a stipend?

Yes. Residents are paid a living stipend. Early Childhood/Elementary Education residents receive \$39,000 over 18 months. Subject matter Math and Science residents are paid \$26,000 over 12 months.

Are there other available funds?

Yes. As a candidate for the MAT, you can apply for a federal TEACH grant through Montclair State University. The grant pays \$2,000 per term.

Are any of the above funds needs-based?

No. Your personal financial situation is not a factor in your application for any funding.

Commitments

What are the University's and the school district's commitments to you?

We commit to offering you a profound teacher preparation experience informed by the best current knowledge in the field and taught by top professors in each field. We commit to embedding your preparation in the life of the Newark Public Schools. We commit to paying all of your tuition and to

offering you a stipend of \$13,000 for each term you are taking courses. Finally, the district offers preferential advancement in the hiring process.

What commitments are teacher residents expected to provide to the University and the school district?

You are committed to dedicating your best work, thought, and passion to the residency program and to the Newark Public Schools. You are committed to take part fully in the program, through both curricular and additional programming. ***You are committed to teaching for three years in the Newark Public Schools upon completion of the residency program.***