

## M.Ed. Instruction Program (RTC) Information about Elective Courses and Transfer Credits



The College of New Jersey and The Regional Training Center's M.Ed. Instruction program allows students to choose from concentration and elective options to construct their M.Ed. degree. This 30-credit program follows a "5 + 3 + 2 + 0" structure. This includes:

- 5 required Instructional Core courses
- 3 courses chosen from one of five Concentration Areas
- 2 elective courses chosen from any of RTC's New Jersey courses
- 0-credit, 0-tuition Culminating Experience, which involves a reflective presentation of enduring understandings from your degree program courses and their impact on your instruction.

**Elective Courses:** As mentioned above, students have the opportunity to choose two elective courses from the full slate of RTC's New Jersey course offerings.

**Transfer Courses:** Some students may wish to transfer up to two (2) external courses (six credits) for credit. This may involve courses from other colleges or other RTC programs outside of New Jersey. Approval for such transfer requests will be based on the following criteria:

- All courses considered for transfer must be graduate-level courses. Undergraduate courses are not eligible for transfer.
- Courses presented for transfer consideration must not be older than 6 years from the semester in which the request is made.
- All courses considered for transfer must be rooted in educational or instructional methods. This may include courses from college programs outside education (such as STEM) but which strongly incorporate instructional strategies for educators.
- An [Application for Transfer Credit](#) form must be completed by the student and approved by the Director of the M.Ed. program.
- Appropriate course documentation for any proposed transfer courses must be provided by the student. The specific documentation required will be determined by the Program Director and may include any of the following requirements:
  1. An advisement appointment with RTC Faculty Program Director
  2. An official transcript with a grade of B-minus or better
  3. An official course description from the host institution's course catalogue
  4. A syllabus for the course in question

**Note:** All courses submitted for transfer credit must be completed at a college with accreditation from the Middle States Council on Higher Education (MSCHE) or other similar accreditation agency.

If you have any additional questions about the 2-course (six credit) elective options for students in the M.Ed. Instruction program, please contact the Program Coordinator, Melissa Meagher, [meaghem@tcnj.edu](mailto:meaghem@tcnj.edu). See Program Outline on the next page for additional details.

**THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM** in EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP: INSTRUCTION  
in partnership with The Regional Training Center  
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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- Required Instructional Core – 5 courses (15 credits)
- Concentration Option Areas – 3 courses (9 credits) chosen from one of five Concentration Areas
- Electives – choose 2 courses (6 credits) from any remaining area (may include transfer courses, pending approval)
- Required Culminating Experience (0 credits)

**TOTAL: 5 + 3 + 2 (+ 0) = 30 CREDITS**

**A) REQUIRED INSTRUCTIONAL CORE (5)**

*Five 3-Credit Courses, 510 must be one of first three courses taken*

**EDIN 542:** Assessment Techniques: Assessing for Student Learning  
**EDIN 548:** Styles of Teaching: Personality Type in the Classroom  
**EDUC 510:** Exploration of Reflective Teaching (*open to all students*)  
**EDIN 560:** Brain- Based Teaching and Learning  
**EDIN 570:** Differentiated Instruction

**B) OPTIONAL CONCENTRATION AREAS (3)**

*Students must choose one area, taking three 3-credit courses in any order*

<b>Teaching Strategies</b>	<b>The Diverse Classroom</b>	<b>Classroom Climate and Management</b>	<b>Classroom Well-Being &amp; Physical Activity</b>	<b>Collaboration and Classroom Inquiry</b>
<b>EDIN 536</b> Universal Design for Learning <b>EDIN 545</b> Encouraging Skillful, Critical and Creative Thinking <b>EDIN 553</b> The Kinesthetic Classroom <b>EDIN 554</b> Kinesthetic Classroom II: Moving Across the Standards <b>EDIN 573</b> Technology with Ease: Enhancing the Modern Classroom	<b>EDIN 546</b> The Culturally Distinctive Classroom <b>EDIN 552</b> Strategies for ADHD, LD and a Spectrum of Learners <b>EDIN 555</b> Skills, Strategies for Inclusion and Disability Awareness <b>EDIN 558</b> The Gendered Brain <b>EDIN 559</b> The Bully-Proof Classroom	<b>EDIN 528</b> Skills for Building the Collaborative Classroom <b>EDIN 544</b> Increasing Student Responsibility & Self-Discipline in Learning Communities <b>EDIN 553</b> The Kinesthetic Classroom <b>EDIN 556</b> Motivation: Inspiring Classroom Success <b>EDIN 565</b> Cooperative Discipline	<b>EDIN 539</b> Creating Health & Balance in Today's Classroom <b>EDIN 540</b> The Mindful Classroom <b>EDIN 553</b> The Kinesthetic Classroom <b>EDIN 554</b> The Kinesthetic Classroom II: Moving Across the Standards <b>EDIN 564</b> Movement & Technology	<b>EDIN 528</b> Skills for Building the Collaborative Classroom <b>EDIN 544</b> Increasing Student Responsibility & Self-Discipline in Learning Communities <b>EDIN 556</b> Motivation: Inspiring Classroom Success <b>EDUC 601</b> Data-Inspired Decision Making (pre-req) <b>EDUC 602</b> Inquiry in Practice (pre- req)

**C) ELECTIVE COURSES (2)**

Students must complete two (2) additional elective RTC courses of their choice to complete the program

*Note: RTC courses EDIN 520, EDIN 523, EDIN571, and EDIN 524 may be accepted as electives for this degree.*

**D) REQUIRED CULMINATING EXPERIENCE: EDUC 700**

All candidates for the M.Ed. Instruction degree must register for and complete a Capstone Course as the Culminating Experience of the program. The required Culminating Experience (Capstone Project) is incorporated into the program as a “0-credit, 0-tuition” course (**EDUC 700**). Students should review the specific requirements for completing EDUC 700, which will be graded as “Pass / Fail.”