



## **NPTNJ OPEN HOUSES FOR THE SUMMER AND FALL 2009 SEMESTERS**

### **Alternate Route New Jersey Teacher Certification Program**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009**

**5:00PM-7:00PM**

**NORTH LECTURE HALL/CRANFORD**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009**

**10:00AM-12:00NOON**

**MAIN LECTURE HALL/CRANFORD**

Union County College in partnership with the New Jersey City University offers a New Jersey Department of Education approved Alternate Route Certification Program. The program was specifically designed for career changers who are interested in teaching in New Jersey Public Schools. The New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) program can be taken on a non-credit basis for certification only or for certification and fifteen (15) graduate credits. Please refer to the student handbook at web location <http://www.ucc.edu/ContinuingEducation/NPTNJ> for a complete description of this program. The program provides a process by which individuals who hold a bachelors degree or higher can become licensed teachers without completing the traditional teacher training program.

NPTNJ is an 11-month program divided into two stages. Stage 1 is a six week summer component, which also requires that students do some classroom observation during the day. Stage 2 is a Fall/Spring/Summer component. By Stage 2 you must have a full-time teaching job. An applicant to be considered for acceptance to the New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) must have:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a major in, or closely related to the intended teaching field
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 in undergraduate studies or the highest degree earned.
- A passing score on the Praxis II content area exam in the field, which one attends to teach.
- A certificate or eligibility issued by the State of New Jersey (by September)
- A completed application submitted to the Community College.
- A full-time teaching position by September.
- If you are interested in becoming a New Jersey Certified Teacher and can meet the above qualifications, you are strongly encouraged to attend the NPTNJ information session at the Cranford Campus. Please call (908) 709-7606, 709-7614, (908) 497-4208 or 497-4262 to register for the information session. The code is AED 160-160 and the fee is \$5 payable at the time of registration.

If you have any questions about NPTNJ after reading the NPTNJ overview in our website [www.ucc.edu](http://www.ucc.edu), please do not hesitate to email Sonia Rios at [rios@ucc.edu](mailto:rios@ucc.edu) with any additional questions.