

Teacher Leader Endorsement

The Teacher Leader Endorsement is for teachers who seek to promote student learning and support their colleagues in facilitator, coach, professional development, and other non-supervisory leadership roles. TCNJ's Teacher Leader program is based on the [Teacher Leader Model Standards](#) from the Teacher Leader Exploratory Consortium.

The State of New Jersey requires the following:

1. Demonstrate at least four years of teaching experience, with three effective or highly effective annual evaluation ratings
2. Successful completion of an approved teacher leader preparation program that includes clinical experiences;
3. Pass a Commissioner-approved performance assessment.
4. Apply for the endorsement within one year of completing an approved preparation program.

TCNJ courses required for the Teacher Leader Certificate

- EDFN 520: Leadership for Social Justice (3 credits)
- EDAD 530 Group Dynamics (3 credits)
- EDAD 545 Instructional Leadership for Teachers (3 credits)
- EDAD 565: Facilitating Professional Development for Teachers (3 credits)
- EDFN 508: Introduction to Research and Data-Based Decision Making (3 credits)
- EDFN 701: Teacher Leader Practicum (0 credits)

For the most current certification requirements, please visit the [NJ DOE website](#).

Program Planner: Teacher Leader Certificate

Name: _____ TCNJ ID#: _____

Advisor: _____

Retain this sheet to record progress toward your degree.

Eligibility requires:

- 1) Satisfactory completion of courses printed below
- 2) A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0
- 3) 100 hours of clinical experience

Eligibility for NJ Teacher Leader endorsement requires 4 years of successful educational experience under a valid state certificate and successful completion of a state approved assessment.

Required Courses

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>
EDFN 520: Leadership for Social Justice	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
EDAD 530: Group Dynamics for Educational Leaders	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
EDAD 545: Instructional Leadership for Teachers	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
EDAD 565: Facilitating Professional Development for Teachers	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
EDFN 508: Introduction to Research and Data-Based Decision Making	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
EDFN 701: Teacher Leader Practicum	<u>0</u>	_____	_____

Teacher Leader Certificate Program Overview

The teacher leader program includes three checkpoints designed to keep you on track for successful program completion.

Checkpoint 1: Admission to the Program

Each candidate must:

1. Provide a narrative and references that demonstrate leadership potential and readiness for graduate studies
2. Upon admission, work with the program coordinator and your school supervisor to identify an appropriate teacher leader mentor.
3. Develop an individualized plan of study and submit it to the program coordinator.

Checkpoints 2& 3: Semesters 1 and 2

1. Successfully complete teacher leader coursework and associated assessments while maintaining a 3.0 GPA
2. Submit clinical experiences logs documenting 20-hours of substantive standards-aligned experiences for each course in which you are enrolled.

Checkpoint 4: Final Semester

Each candidate must:

1. Successfully complete all teacher leader coursework and related assessments while maintaining a 3.0 GPA
2. Enroll in EDAD 701 and submit your mentor teacher's letter of endorsement and an electronic portfolio documenting 100 hours of substantive standards-aligned experiences.
3. Submit passing scores the commissioner-approved assessment