**Certification Office Updates- August 2014**

**Please be advised the New Jersey Department of Education has revised the following requirements for teacher certification in New Jersey:**

**New Praxis Test Information:**

Effective September 1, 2014 the following required Praxis II tests codes will change:

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| Test Name | New Test Code |
| Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects | 5001 |
| Reading and Language Arts Subtest | 5002 |
| Mathematics Subtest | 5003 |
| Social Studies Subtest | 5004 |
| Science Subtest | 5005 |
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| Family and Consumer Sciences | 5122 |
| Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge | 5857 |
| Middle School Science | 5440 |
| Speech-Language Pathology | 5331 |

**Students who have previously attempted the expiring Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects**

**5031 and did not pass all four subtests will have until 12/31/2014 make additional attempts. If a passing test score is not achieved by the 12/31/2014 cutoff, students must register for the corresponding subtest within the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects 5001 test code series.**

**Minimum GPA Information**

Effective July 7, 2014, regulations regarding GPA requirements, flexibility rules, and basic skills tests changed. The changes are as follows:

**GPA Requirements:**

•Students graduating after September 1, 2016 will need to achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00.

•Students graduating prior to September 1, 2016 require a minimum GPA of 2.75.

•An eligible candidate may have a GPA lower than 3.00 and higher than 2.75 if they are sponsored by an Alternate Route Training Program (and have a job).

**Additional Testing effective September 1, 2015 for Teacher Prep. Program candidates:**

**This requirement will have to be met prior to the onset of the Junior year and before a student teaching experience can be assigned.**

•**As of Sept 15, 2014 All accepted candidates for a formal teacher preparation program shall have achieved a minimum score established by the NJDOE on a Commissioner approved test of basic reading, writing, and math OR can present one of the following: , 1) SAT score of 1660 or higher, 2) a score of 23 or higher on the ACT, 3) a minimum score of 4 on the analytical writing section and a combined score of 310 on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Detailed information is available:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/rpr/preparation/overview.pdf>

**FAQ’s are available at the following web location:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/faq/TeacherPrepRegs.pdf>