

GENERAL PRE-REQUISITES:

CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE as one of the following: School Psychologists, School Social Worker, School Counselor, Director of School Counseling Services, School Nurse, Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC or LCADC), and Prevention Specialist CPS); *or*

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATE *or*

MASTER'S OR HIGHER DEGREE from a regionally accredited college or university

and

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK:

	S.H. Credit
COUN 501 Introduction to Counseling (or its equivalent)	<u>3</u>
COUN 670 Counseling Theory and Techniques (or its equivalent)	<u>3</u>
COUN 675 Group Counseling (or its equivalent)	<u>3</u>

NOTE TO STUDENT: When you completed this coursework, the State of New Jersey will be notified of your completion of these academic requirements.

Additional Requirements for SAC Certification (pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.2):

In their final semester, students must notify the secretary of the Department of Counselor Education that they are about to complete the required coursework for the SAC CEAS. Upon completion of the final SAC coursework, TCNJ will then notify the New Jersey Department of Education that the student has met the academic requirements for the SAC CEAS. The SAC CEAS will then be issued through the New Jersey Department of Education, *not* The College of New Jersey.

With the SAC CEAS, *and an offer of employment in a position that requires the SAC certificate*, individuals are eligible for a **provisional** educational services certificate with a SAC endorsement.

Upon obtaining a position as a SAC, the individual's school district must call (609) 292-6378 to register the individual as a candidate in the SAC Residency Program. A registration packet will be forwarded to the district.

The school district must complete the following documents and submit them to the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Licensure and Credentials, Box 500, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625:

- Statement of Assurance of SAC Position
- Substance Awareness Coordinator Residency Agreement
- Employment contract specifying candidate's position as a SAC
- \$50 money order from candidate for the provisional certificate (expires after two years)
- Resume of residency supervisor

At the end of the 6 month residency (full-time SAC) or 12 month residency (part-time SAC) the residency supervisor submits the three page evaluation recommending SAC certification. The State Board of Examiners may then issue the standard SAC certificate.

Further information about the SAC certification supervision and residency requirements, or additional clarification about these requirements may be obtained by calling the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Teacher Preparation and Certification at (609) 292-1083.