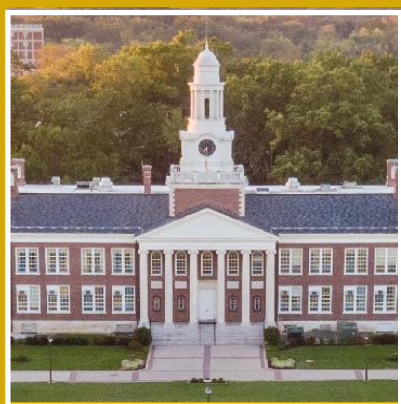




Teachers as Scholars Seminars



Teachers as Scholars (TAS) seminars are two-day professional development events led by outstanding faculty members of The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

Teacher-scholars who are selected for participation by their school districts can choose from an array of seminars (right); those who successfully participate and complete TAS seminars are awarded 10 professional development hours.

Each seminar is presented on the scenic TCNJ campus and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The dates of the two-day seminars are noted. For seminar descriptions and faculty biography please go to <http://bit.ly/tcnjPDSNTAS>

Your school district PDSN liaison will provide registration information.

Please email step@tcnj.edu for further information.



TCNJ's School of Education/Support for Teacher Education Programs and Professional Development School Network (PDSN) are proud to announce the 2025-26 PDSN Teachers as Scholars (TAS) program. Our goal is to provide a selection of content-related seminars geared toward the particular interests of P-12 educators. The goals of the PDSN seminars are:

1. To foster and promote teachers as academic and intellectual leaders by giving them time to reflect and discuss new ideas and recent scholarship with colleagues;
2. To give (over time) equal opportunity to all teachers in a district to examine and learn cutting-edge scholarship;
3. To encourage professional relationships between arts & science faculty and classroom teachers, while improving articulation between P-12 schools and higher education.

Seminar 1
The Witches of Salem: 1692
Seminar leader: Michele Lise Tarter, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: October 16 & 30, 2025

Seminar 2
Sequencing for Success: Developing Teachers' Skills in Linking and Organizing Mathematical Ideas
Seminar leader: Judit Kardos, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: Oct.30 & Nov.20, 2025

Seminar 3
Are they college ready? High school to college transitions and research readiness
Seminar leader: Ewa Dziedzic-Elliot, MA, MLIS
Seminar dates: Nov.19 & Dec.10, 2025

Seminar 4
Arts-Based Pedagogy for Social Justice in P-12 Classrooms
Seminar leader: Tamara Tallman, EDD, MS
Seminar dates: Jan.16 & Feb.6, 2026

Seminar 5
Racisms in Conflict
Seminar leader: Pierre Le Morvan, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: Jan.22 & Feb.12 2026

Seminar 6
Visual communication and sign language to engage and manage all students in the general education classroom
Seminar leader: Steven Singer, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: Jan.28 & Feb.18, 2026

Seminar 7
Disability Curriculum Development: Portraying Persons with Disabilities in PreK-12 Content

Seminar leader: Ashley Pollitt, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: Jan.29 & Feb.19, 2026

Seminar 8
Increasing student thinking in mathematics/How much time do your students spend in class thinking about mathematics?

Seminar leader: Cathy Liebars, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: Feb.3 & Feb.24, 2026

Seminar 9
Impacts of Infectious Disease - the Positives and Negatives
Seminar leader: Rita Mary King, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: March 4 & 25, 2026

Seminar 10
Graffiti in the Arab World: Histories and Resistances
Seminar leader: Alma Khasawnih, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: March 6 & 27, 2026

Seminar 11
Racism in the Poverty-to-Prison Cycle: African Americans, Mass Incarceration and Everyday White Supremacy
Seminar leader: Leigh-Anne Francis, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: April 22 & May 13, 2026

Seminar 12
Hidden in Blackness: Understanding Black Ethnic Heterogeneity Within US K-12 Student Population
Seminar leader: Adaurennaya C. Onyewuenyi, Ph.D.
Seminar dates: April 16 & May 7, 2026