

The College of New Jersey Provisional Program FAQ

What does it mean to be a Provisional student?

Now in its eleventh year, the Provisional program allows admitted students to take a full-time course load in the Fall 2022 semester as a non-matriculated student, with the ultimate goal of becoming a fully matriculated student in the Spring 2023 semester.

How do I confirm my seat in the Provisional program?

Students **must** submit the Provisional Acceptance Notification Form, which can be found on their online Application Portal. This form must be submitted no later than May 1st. Once the form is submitted, students will receive instructions on how to submit a \$600 non-refundable enrollment deposit (also due May 1st) and a Provisional Student Contract (placed in your Application Portal after you deposit).

What are the expectations during this Provisional period?

Students are guaranteed matriculation status for the Spring 2023 semester as long as they meet regularly with their designated advisor, earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher, do not withdraw from any of their courses, and successfully complete all their courses with a D or better (incompletes/in-progress grades or grades of F do not allow students to matriculate). While students may matriculate with a 2.3 GPA, some programs (such as those that require certification) may require a higher GPA to be successful.

How many classes can a Provisional student take in Fall 2022?

Provisionally accepted students will be required to take 3 course units (or 12 credits) at TCNJ: The first course will be either a First Year Writing (FYW) or First Year Seminar (FYS) course. The remaining two courses will either be a liberal learning or major-specific course, as deemed appropriate. They will also be required to complete a non-credit College Success course. They will be pre-registered for these classes, which will be applicable to their degree at TCNJ.

Will I take a First Year Writing (FYW) or First Year Seminar (FYS) course in my first semester?

All first year students (including Provisional students) take a writing placement test the summer before they begin at TCNJ. We use these results to determine which course is appropriate for the Fall. The student's academic advisor will discuss results and support course selection.

Can I take a fourth course as a non-matriculated student in the Fall 2022?

No, students may not take a fourth course at TCNJ in the fall. However, they can take a summer or winter course at TCNJ.

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What major will I be pursuing?

Non-matriculated students are not enrolled in a degree program or major at TCNJ. Upon successful completion of all requirements during the Provisional semester, students will be matriculated at the beginning of the Spring 2023 semester in the major listed in their Provisional acceptance letter and contract. Although major changes are not guaranteed, there is an internal major change process at TCNJ which can be explored after full matriculation and consultation with an academic advisor.

What is the cost for this program?

TCNJ will discount the cost of attendance for the Fall 2022 semester for all Provisional students. For example, the cost for Provisional students last fall was \$7,213, compared to \$8,653.46 for matriculated, full-time in-state students. The final discounted cost will be available after our Board of Trustees meet in July.

Am I eligible for Financial Assistance?

As non-matriculated students, Provisionally accepted students are not eligible for financial aid for Fall 2022. Upon matriculation in the Spring 2023 semester, eligible students can apply for aid via the FAFSA form (TCNJ's Title IV School Code is 002642).

What does the program cost cover?

The discounted cost will cover the cost of the courses, campus computer access, student activity fee, and student center fee. Health insurance is not included in this fee, but health insurance is required for all TCNJ students. Although we strongly encourage students to stay under their parent/guardian's insurance if possible, Provisional students will have the option to purchase TCNJ health insurance.

When are the payments due, and can I be placed on a payment plan?

Students should be billed in mid-July with a payment due date in mid-August. A payment plan through our third party vendor will be available.

What housing options are available to me for the Fall 2022 semester?

Though not required, Provisional students are able to live on campus. The total cost of room and board will be added to the fall bill.

Am I allowed to play a Varsity sport?

No. According to NCAA rules, non-matriculated students are not able to play varsity sports but can participate at the intramural and club sport levels.

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Am I allowed to join clubs/organizations on campus?

Yes! We encourage all students to get involved with the TCNJ community. There are a few exceptions, however. Students are not able to join the student Finance Board, be a representative for the student Government Association, or hold a leadership position in a campus organization. In the Spring 2023 semester, these options will be available without restrictions to all matriculated students.

Am I permitted to work on campus?

No, Provisionally accepted students are not able to work on campus in the Fall 2022 semester. However, this opportunity will be available upon matriculation.

Will there be an orientation for students accepted into the Provisional program?

Yes, a one-day orientation program will be held over the summer. More information to follow.

Can I take another non-matriculated semester if I do not meet the GPA requirement for spring matriculation?

Though not guaranteed, Provisional students may be offered an additional, non-matriculated semester at TCNJ. This will be at the discretion of the Office of Admissions in consultation with the Center for Student Success and the academic advisors.