

The College of New Jersey Provisional Program FAQ

What does it mean to be a Provisional Student?

Now in its ninth year, the Provisional program will allow you to take a full-time course load in the Fall 2020 semester as a non-matriculated student with the ultimate goal of becoming a fully matriculated student in the Spring 2021 semester.

When students are offered consideration for the Provisional Program, what do they need to do?

Students **must** submit the Wait List Notification Form, which can be found on their online application portal. This form must be submitted no later than Friday, April 10th in order for your application to remain in consideration for the Provisional Program.

What are the expectations during this provisional period?

Students are guaranteed matriculation status for the Spring 2021 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 can 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 2020?

Provisionally accepted students will be required to take 3 course units (or 12 credits) at TCNJ: 1 First Seminar Program (FSP) course and 2 Liberal Learning courses, as well as a noncredit College Success course. They will be pre-registered for these classes, which will be applicable to their degree at TCNJ.

Can students take a 4th course as a Provisional student in the Fall 2020?

No, students may not take a 4th course in the fall. but they can take a TCNJ summer or winter course.

What major will I be pursuing?

Provisional 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 2021 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 your advisor.

What is the cost for this program?

TCNJ will discount the cost of attendance for the Fall 2020 semester for all provisional students. For example, for Fall 2019 provisional students, the cost was \$7,020.00, compared to \$8,471.43 for matriculated, full-time in-state students. The discounted cost will be available in July.

Are students eligible for Financial Assistance?

Provisionally accepted students are not eligible for financial aid for Fall 2020. Eligibility for financial aid will be confirmed upon matriculation in the Spring 2021 semester. Submission of the FAFSA form will be required for aid consideration. (TCNJ Title IV School Code is 002642.)

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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 are students able to be 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 do Provisional Students have for the Fall 2020 semester?

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

Athletes: Are Provisional students allowed to play a Varsity sport?

No. According to NCAA rules, non-matriculated students (like those in our Provisional program) are not able to play varsity sports but can participate at the intramural and club sport levels.

Are Provisional students 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 2021 semester, these options will be available without restrictions to all matriculated students.

Are provisional students able to work on campus?

No, provisionally accepted students are not able to work on campus in the Fall 2020 semester. However, this opportunity will be available upon matriculation.

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

Yes, an orientation program will be held over the summer. More information to follow.

Can students take another Provisional semester if they do not meet the GPA requirement for spring matriculation?

Though not guaranteed, students may be offered an additional, Provisional 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.