

NJTIP @ RUTGERS

Expanding Mobility for People with Disabilities & Seniors

NJTIP @ Rutgers teaches people how to use public transportation. The mission of the New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP) is to increase the self-sufficiency of people with disabilities, older adults and others by empowering them to use public transit and local mobility options safely and independently. Since 2005, NJTIP has worked with a variety of government agencies, community organizations and schools to teach travel skills to more than 10,000 individuals. NJTIP Travel Instructors are experts on NJ TRANSIT bus and rail services; many have Masters-level education and/or teaching certification in New Jersey, and all instructors have 10+ years of experience working with people with disabilities and seniors.

Travel Instruction Services

One-on-One Travel Instruction

Participants work with a travel instructor who teaches safe travel skills by riding on the bus or train with the student one-on-one until he or she can travel confidently and independently.

Individual Concierge and Trip Planning Services

An individual who may not need a travel instructor to go out with them on an individual basis but may need help with planning a trip can call NJTIP @ Rutgers and receive assistance over the phone. Travel instructors can email or mail trip plans, schedules or other tools needed to make the desired trip.

Small Group/In-School Travel Instruction

Groups and schools interested in the group training can contact NJTIP @ Rutgers to schedule training. Groups learn how to use transit through classes and escorted transit trips to popular local destinations such as a mall, supermarket or museum.

Connect to Transit Seminars

NJTIP @ Rutgers Travel Instructors teach professionals and volunteers from schools, community-based organizations, local service agencies, senior centers and housing sites, houses of worship, and other organizations to become informed advocates for public transportation, so they can better assist their clients, students and residents with navigating the public transportation network.

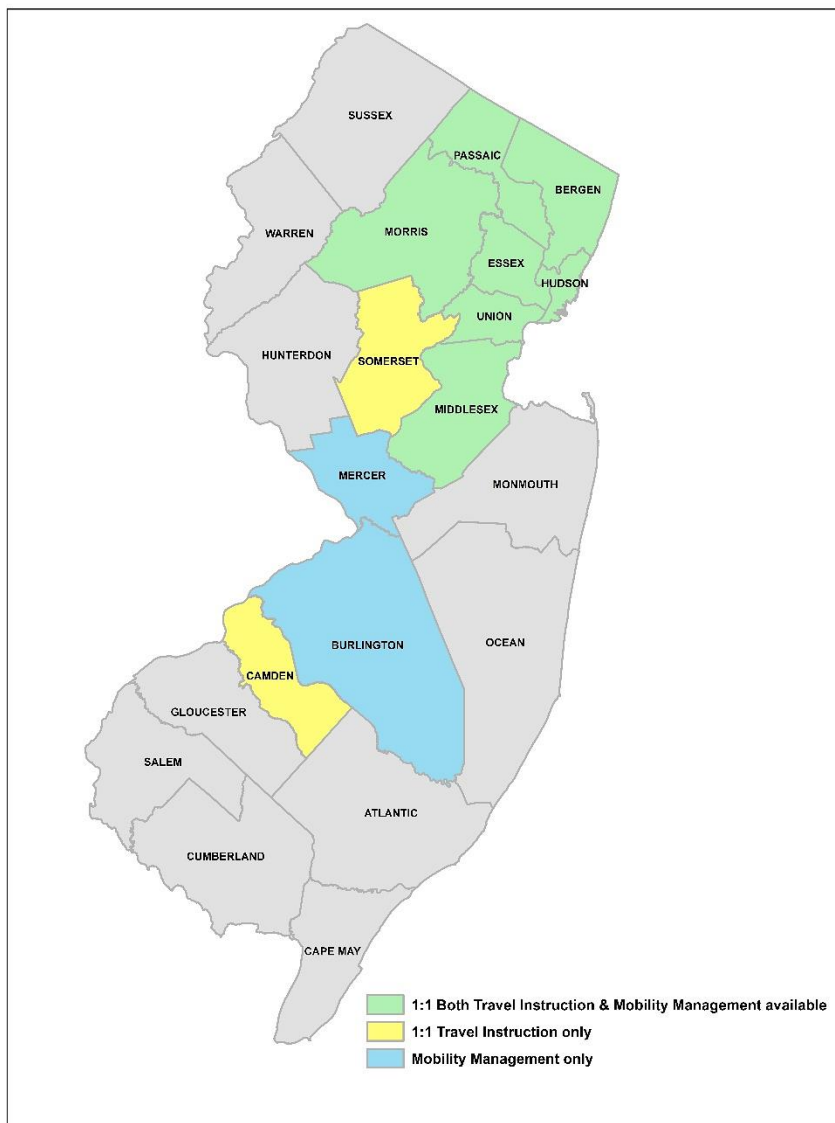
Program Availability

One-on-One Travel Instruction Program (Access Link Customers) – Yellow and Green below

One-on-One travel instruction is available to customers who have applied for Access Link and live in Passaic, Bergen, Morris, Essex, Hudson, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Camden Counties except those with visual impairments. The only cost to customers during instruction is paying their own fares. Upon graduation each graduate receives a free one-month bus pass.

Mobility Management Program – Blue and Green below

NJTIP @ Rutgers receives federal grants that support travel training for people with disabilities, older adults, and classes at agencies that serve these target populations. In Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Mercer & Burlington Counties, NJTIP @ Rutgers provides travel training that helps individuals or groups access destinations focused on employment, vocational training, life enrichment or volunteer work. Funding is limited; NJTIP @ Rutgers works to accommodate requests from individuals and groups interested in learning about using accessible public transportation and other local mobility options.



PLEASE NOTE:

Through contracts, grants, and on a fee-for-service basis, NJTIP @ Rutgers' travel instruction services can be made available in additional areas of New Jersey.