Elementary (Grades 1-6) Professional Program Information

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- A minimum of 2.70 cumulative GPA at CCSU and a minimum 2.70 cumulative GPA including all undergraduate coursework taken at all institutions (including CCSU).
- Praxis Core Assessments scores or a CT State Department of Education Praxis waiver.
- Undergraduate Students:
  - Completion of at least 45 credits.
  - A minimum of 15 credits in the subject matter major. NOTE: Students may be enrolled in the 15 credits of subject matter courses at the time of application but must complete the 15 credits before admission will be granted.
  - A minimum 2.70 in the subject matter major with no grade less than a C-.
- Post-Baccalaureate Students:
  - Completion of a bachelor’s degree.
  - Admission to Graduate Studies.
  - Completion of or enrollment in 6 credits at CCSU.
- Completion of the following courses with a grade C or better
  - PSY 236
  - EDT 210
  - MATH 113 or 213
  - PSY 361 or 362
  - EDTE 210
  - ENG 110 or 105
  - HIST 161 or 162 (or other American History course if a History major)
  - NOTE: Students may be enrolled in prerequisite courses at the time of application but must complete them with a C or better before admission will be granted.
- Documentation of 30 hours of quality paid or volunteer experience with children or young adults. Acceptable experiences include work in professional settings such as childcare teacher or assistant teacher, camp counselor, paraprofessional, classroom volunteer, work in an after-school program, or work in a Scout or YMCA program. Baby-sitting or parenting experience is not acceptable.
- Two satisfactory recommendations; one from a professional who has observed the applicant’s work with children or young adults and one from a faculty member in the student’s subject matter major department. Transfer students and post-baccalaureate students who apply in their first semester at CCSU may submit a recommendation from a professor at their previous college or university. Recommendations from family members are not acceptable.
- A satisfactory essay demonstrating a command of the English language.
- A satisfactory interview demonstrating an acceptable standard of knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions important to effective teaching performance.
A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES

Application to the Professional Program is done online through Taskstream. A one-semester account can be purchased for $25. (Upon admission to the Professional Program, additional semesters of Taskstream will need to be purchased in order to submit course assignments and apply for student teaching.)

To access the application in Taskstream, use the self-enrollment code APPELED.

The items listed below will need to be uploaded or scanned into Taskstream in order to complete the application. For the most accurate information regarding application materials be sure to log into Taskstream and review the left-hand menu of requirements needed for submission.

- Praxis Core Assessments scores or a CT Department of Education Praxis waiver.
- Two completed and signed Recommendation for Elementary Education forms. Note: This form can be accessed in Taskstream, printed, signed, and scanned back into Taskstream.
- An official transcript from CCSU and every other college/university previously attended by the applicant. Transcripts should be obtained directly from the college or university previously attended. Official transcripts marked “Issued to Student” are acceptable. When possible, it is best to request e-transcripts.
- Resume that includes the candidate’s educational and work experiences.
- Post-Baccalaureate Students:
  - A copy of the Graduate Studies admission letter.
  - A copy of the signed, official Planned Program of Graduate Study.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Semester: September 10               Spring Semester: February 10

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The interview and timed essay will take place a few weeks after the application deadline.
- Further information about the interview and timed essay, including the time and date, will be listed in the “General Information” section of the Taskstream application.