



Secondary Education (Grades 7-12) Professional Program Information

INCLUDING PROGRAMS IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES

Biology	French	Mathematics
Chemistry	History/Social Science	Physics
Earth Science	Italian	Spanish
English		

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- ❑ A minimum of 2.70 cumulative GPA at CCSU and a minimum of 2.70 cumulative GPA including all undergraduate coursework taken at all institutions (including CCSU)
- ❑ Documentation of completion of state-required basic skills testing in reading, writing, and math through submission of scores on the SAT, OR ACT, OR PRAXIS CORE Academic Skills Test
- ❑ Undergraduate Students:
 - Completion of at least 45 credits, 15 of which have been earned at CCSU
- ❑ Post-Baccalaureate students:
 - Completion of bachelor's degree
 - Admission to the School of Graduate Studies
 - Completion of or enrollment in 6 credits at CCSU
- ❑ Two satisfactory recommendations from professionals related to the candidate's suitability for admission to the professional program
- ❑ A satisfactory essay demonstrating a command of the English language, describing reasons for wanting to be a teacher and emphasizing experience relevant to teaching (some programs require additional writing assessments)
- ❑ A satisfactory interview demonstrating an acceptable standard of knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions important to effective teaching
- ❑ Satisfactory completion of department requirements and prerequisite courses as outlined below

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & PREREQUISITE COURSES

English

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in all ENGLISH and LINGUISTICS courses.
- Successful completion of LING 200, four sophomore surveys (ENG 203 or 204, 205, 210, and one additional course from among 203, 204, 211), ENG 220, & ENG 298. *Students may be enrolled in 1 course at time of application, but it must be completed before admission is granted.*

History/Social Science

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.00 in ECON, GEOG, HIST, and PS courses.
- Completion of HIST 301 with a grade of "B" or better. Students may be enrolled in this course at the time of application, but it must be completed before admission is granted.
- *One of the letters of recommendation must be from a full-time member of the CCSU History Department.*
- Post-Baccalaureate Students Only: passing score on the History/Social Studies Praxis II test.

Mathematics

- Minimum overall GPA of 2.70 in all mathematics courses required by major, with no more than two repeats.
- Completion of three mathematics courses at CCSU with grade of C- or better in each. (This requirement may be waived by the Department of Mathematics)
- Completion of MATH 221 Calculus II with a grade of C- or better.
- A letter of recommendation from a member of the CCSU Mathematics Department.
- A second essay. See Math Essay form available in Student Learning & Licensure (SL&L).

Science Education including Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics

- Biology and Earth Science majors must have a minimum of 3.00 GPA in all courses in the major. Physics and Chemistry majors must have a minimum of 2.70 GPA in all courses in the major.
- Ability to design, conduct, and report investigations within a science discipline as demonstrated in a recent original laboratory report.
- Completion of second on-site essay at the time of the interview.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES

Applying to the Professional Program is done through an online platform called Student Learning and Licensure (SL&L). Pre-Education students are emailed periodically during the year from the Assistant Dean in the School of Education with step-by-step instructions on **how to apply to the professional program** along with the **application link specific each student's certification program**. There is NO COST to apply to the professional program.

Upon acceptance to the professional program, students will be required to purchase a subscription to Student Learning & Licensure. There is a one-time fee of \$139 plus tax. Students will use SL&L in all professional program coursework and will also use the platform to submit an application for student teaching.

THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED OR SCANNED INTO SL&L TO COMPLETE THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM APPLICATION

- 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**
- Documentation of scores on the SAT, ACT, or Praxis Core Academic Skills Test
- Teacher candidates should craft an essay describing reasons for wanting to teach and enroll in the professional program
- Two completed and signed *Recommendation/Evaluation Rubrics*
- Any additional items outlined above in **Departmental Program Requirements**.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Semester: September 10

Spring Semester: February 10

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Teacher candidates will be contacted by their department a few weeks after the application deadline to schedule a time to participate in the admission interview with department faculty