



# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES ADVISING CENTER

## Secondary Education (Grades 7-12) Professional Program Information

### INCLUDING PROGRAMS IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES

Biology  
Chemistry  
Earth Science  
English

French  
History  
Social Science  
Italian

Mathematics  
Physics  
Spanish

### 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).
- ❑ Documentation of completion of state-required basic skills testing in reading, writing, and math through submission of scores on the SAT, ACT, or Praxis Core Academic Skills Test or an official waiver letter based on the GRE or PAA.
- ❑ Undergraduate Students:
  - Completion of at least 45 credits, 15 of which have been earned at CCSU. (Graduates of Connecticut community colleges may have this requirement waived; contact the Office of the Dean of Education and Professional Studies for waiver.)
- Post-Baccalaureate students:
  - Completion of a bachelor's degree.
  - Admission to 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 performance.
- ❑ Satisfactory completion of department requirements and prerequisite courses as outlined below.

### DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & PREREQUISITE COURSES

#### English

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.00 in all ENG and LING 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, and ENG 298. *Students may be enrolled in 1 course at time of application, but it must be completed before admission is granted.*
- One of the letters of recommendation must be from a CCSU English faculty member.

#### History/Social Science

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.00 in all ECON, GEOG, HIST, and PS courses.
- Completion of HIST 301 with a grade of "B" or better. *Post-baccalaureate students may be enrolled in this course at time of application.*
- 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 (5081).

## 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 a 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 Taskstream.

## 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 a second on-site essay at the time of the interview.
- Post-baccalaureate Students Only: Completion of all but three courses in the content area.

### A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES

Application to the Professional Program is done online through Taskstream (access through Blackboard Learn). The cost for a one year subscription is \$50 or a seven year subscription is \$139 (prices subject to change). Upon admission to the Professional Program, Taskstream will be needed each semester to submit course assignments and to apply for student teaching.

To access the application in Taskstream, use the appropriate self-enrollment code:

Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics	APPSCI
English	APPENG
History	APPHIST

Math	APPMATH
Modern Language	APPLANG

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.

- ❑ Documentation of scores on the SAT, ACT, or Praxis Core Academic Skills Test or an official waiver letter based on the GRE or PAA.
- ❑ Two recommendations (scan the signed originals) from professionals related to the applicant's suitability for admission to the professional program. Recommendations from family members are not acceptable.
- ❑ An essay describing the reasons for wanting to teach and enroll in the Professional Program.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Course and work schedule indicating availability for interviews.
- ❑ Post-Baccalaureate Students:
  - A copy of the Graduate Studies admission letter.
  - A copy of the signed, official Planned Program of Graduate Study.
- ❑ Any additional items outlined above in **Departmental Program Requirements**.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Semester: September 10

Spring Semester: February 10

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Applicants will be contacted by the individual academic departments regarding interview dates and times.

September 2018