GENERAL INFORMATION

College graduates may pursue teacher certification in a variety of certification fields through our post-baccalaureate teacher certification programs. These programs prepare students for initial teacher certification and do not result in a master’s degree. Teacher certification programs include:

- Art Education
- Biology Education
- Chemistry Education
- Earth Science Education
- Elementary Education
- English Education
- French Education
- History/Social Studies Education
- Italian Education
- Mathematics Education
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- Physics Education
- Spanish Education
- Technology & Engineering Education

Interested students should apply to the School of Graduate Studies for admission to CCSU. Details about admission to the School of Graduate Studies, including an online application, can be found on the Graduate Studies website at www.ccsu.edu/gradstudies. Students may enroll part time or full time. Questions about admission requirements and procedures are available from Graduate Recruitment and Admissions (phone: 860-832-2350).

Once a student is admitted to the School of Graduate Studies, an individualized planned program of study will be developed based on the student’s previous college course work, CCSU program requirements, and State of Connecticut certification requirements. Basic components of a planned program of study may include general education courses, content or subject area courses, and professional education courses. Individual fact sheets for the various teacher certification programs are available.

After admission to the School of Graduate Studies and the development of an official planned program, students are required to submit an additional application and associated documents to the Dean’s Office of the School of Education and Professional Studies (SEPS) in order to be fully admitted to the Professional Program for Teacher Certification. While admission standards differ from program to program, there are common elements required for all candidates. They are as follows:

1. A minimum 2.70 cumulative grade point average for all undergraduate coursework
2. Enrollment in or completion of a minimum of 6 credits at CCSU
3. Documentation of completion of state-required basic skills testing in reading, writing, and math
4. Satisfactory recommendations
5. A satisfactory essay
6. A satisfactory interview

Additional details, deadlines and essential forms can be found on the SEPS website at www.ccsu.edu/seps.