READING & LANGUAGE ARTS

Advanced Official Certificate Program



Central to Supporting Teachers with Effective Literacy Coaching.

Central's Advanced Official Certificate Program in Reading & Language Arts is a non-degree program that prepares graduate students for an endorsement as a Reading & Language Arts Consultant in Connecticut. This program is great for applicants who already hold the 102 endorsement (Remedial Reading and Remedial Language Arts) and need a few courses for the 097 endorsement (Reading and Language Arts Consultant).

To apply to the State of Connecticut for a 097 endorsement, you must have worked under the 102 endorsement for a minimum of 10 months. You do not need to have worked under the 102 endorsement to take courses in this program.

Curriculum

Students must successfully complete the following courses to receive the Reading & Language Arts AOCP.

- Specialized Diagnosis and Intervention
- Organization, Administration, and Supervision of Reading & Language Arts Programs
- Practicum for Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach I
- Practicum for Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach II

Note: A course on children's or adolescent literature is also required by the state of Connecticut, if not taken in previous studies.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- Small class sizes
- Classes offered in hybrid format
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required
- No recommendation letters, interview, or essay required

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What You'll Gain

- Ability to interpret and summarize historically shared knowledge of the profession and changes over time in the perceptions of reading and writing development, processes, and components
- Skills to support classroom teachers and other education professionals in using evidence-based instructional approaches and an integrated, comprehensive curriculum to support student learning in reading and writing
- Ability to lead classroom teachers and other education support personnel in analyzing and using assessment data to plan and evaluate effective reading and writing instruction
- Skills to provide support and leadership to educators, parents, students, and other members of the school community in valuing the contributions of academic, cultural, and linguistic diversity to literacy learning
- Ability to participate in, design, facilitate, lead, and evaluate effective and differentiated professional development programs

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 3.00 or higher)
   - Applicants must hold a Master's degree or a Sixth-Year Certificate in Reading & Language Arts
3. Proof of the 102 certification endorsement
4. Proof of a minimum of 3 years teaching experience

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Davidson Hall 116
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

Program Contact
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ABOUT CENTRAL:
Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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