TRANSITION SPECIALIST

Official Certificate Program



Central's Transition Specialist Official Certificate Program (OCP) is designed to prepare post bachelor's professionals and those already licensed or certified in Special Education, School Counseling, School Psychology, Social Work, Rehabilitation, or general counseling to promote successful post-school employment and/or education outcomes of youth and young adults with disabilities.

Curriculum

Students in the in the OCP Transition Specialist must complete a combination of 16 to 18 credits of selected 500-level courses, with a grade of B or better, designed for the certificate program.

- Evidence-Based Practices for Diverse Learners
- Legal and Administrative Issues in Special Education
- Person-Centered Planning and Transition
- Appraisal Procedures in Counseling
- Foundations of Career, Vocational, and Community Resources for Transition Services
- Internship in Inclusion and/or Transition Services

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- Attend part-time
- 16- to 18-credit program
- Applied internship experience individually arranged with supervision provided
- Flexible scheduling: over 80% hybrid and/or accelerated formats, evening classes
- Course-embedded assignments facilitate application and transfer of learning to the classroom
- Course content aligned with edTPA; candidates receive guidance and support throughout their edTPA development
- No GMAT/GRE required

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What You'll Gain

- Field experience with individuals with academic, behavioral, and emotional characteristics of diverse learners
- Ability to identify evidence-based practices to support the needs of diverse learners
- Understanding of federal and state laws and regulations for special education
- Knowledge of the theories and processes in pupil personnel services
- Understanding of person-centered planning process from a school to post-school options for students with disabilities
- Access to career and vocational exploration techniques and resources

DID YOU KNOW?

Employment of school and career counselors and advisors is projected to grow 11% from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations.

Source: bls.gov

For more information about Central's Special Education & Interventions Department visit ccsu.edu/sped or call 860.832.2400

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 2.70 or higher)
3. Bachelor's degree in Education, Counseling, Social Work, Psychology, or related field; or hold a professional license or certification as a Special Education Teacher, School Counselor, School Psychologist, Social Worker, Rehabilitation Counselor or Counselor
4. Two years of experience working in your respective field of special education, school guidance, school psychology, social work, rehabilitation, school psychology, or general counseling
5. Two current professional recommendations
6. Essay describing your motivation for advanced graduate study, past experience, and future professional goals
7. Interview with program faculty

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

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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