



## Elementary (Grades 1-6) Professional Program Information

### 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.)
  - A minimum of 18 credits in the subject matter major. NOTE: Students may be enrolled in the credits at the time of application but must complete the credits before admission will be granted.

#### Post-Baccalaureate Students:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree.
- Admission to Graduate Studies.
- Completion of or enrollment in 6 credits at CCSU.
- ❑ Completion of the following courses with a grade C or better:
  - HIST 161 or 162 (or other American History course if a History major)
  - ENG/WRT 110 or 105 & 105P
  - MATH 113
  - PSY 136
  - SCI 211
  - EDEL 212
  - MATH 213
  - PSY 361 or 362
  - BIO 211 (not required for Science majors)

NOTE: Students may be enrolled in prerequisite courses at the time of application but must complete them with a C or better before admission will be granted.

- ❑ Documentation of 15 hours of quality paid or volunteer experience with children or young adults. Acceptable experiences include work in professional settings such as childcare teacher or assistant teacher, camp counselor, paraprofessional, classroom volunteer, work in an after-school program, or work in a Scout or YMCA program. Baby-sitting or parenting experience is not acceptable.
- ❑ Two satisfactory recommendations; one from a professional who has observed the applicant's work with children or young adults and one from a faculty member in the student's subject matter major department. Transfer students and post-baccalaureate students who apply in their first semester at CCSU may submit a recommendation from a professor at their previous college or university. Recommendations from family members are not acceptable.
- ❑ A satisfactory essay demonstrating a command of the English language.
- ❑ A satisfactory interview demonstrating an acceptable standard of knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions important to effective teaching performance.

## 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 self-enrollment code **APPELED**.

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 completed and signed *Recommendation for Elementary Education* forms. **Note:** This form can be accessed in Taskstream, printed, signed, and scanned back into Taskstream.
- 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.
- Completed and signed *Statement of Experience with Children* form. **Note:** This form can be completed in Taskstream, printed, signed, and scanned back into Taskstream.
- Post-Baccalaureate Students:
  - A copy of the Graduate Studies admission letter.
  - A copy of the signed, official Planned Program of Graduate Study.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Semester: September 10

Spring Semester: February 10

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The interview and timed essay will take place a few weeks after the application deadline.
- Further information about the interview and timed essay, including the time and date, will be listed in the “General Information” section of the Taskstream application.