

The first step is the hardest, especially if you are thinking of beginning or returning to college. Let Eastern's School of Continuing Education help you start or restart toward your goal of attaining a college degree. Our staff is available day and evening, by phone and in person to listen, advise and encourage. We're here to help you earn a degree, essential for success in today's rapidly changing world.

An Eastern Connecticut State University degree will change your life!

I'm ready to apply for admission...will I have to pass a test to be admitted?

Applying for admission is easy. You don't have to pass any test. It's as simple as 1, 2, 3.

1. Complete an Eastern admission application form and return it to the Office of Admissions with a \$50 non-refundable application fee or apply online at easternct.edu.
2. Contact your high school and any colleges or schools you attended and ask them to forward official transcripts directly to our Office of Admissions. If you received a high school equivalency diploma (GED), you'll need to submit official verification of this to the Office of Admissions. Veterans and those currently in the U.S. military should also submit either their SMART transcript or DD Form 214. Health care professionals should submit official transcripts of their training and/or copies of their certification and a copy of a current license.
3. Once your application and transcripts are reviewed, our Office of Admissions will notify you by mail of your acceptance. You will also receive an evaluation of your transfer credits. Congratulations! You are now a matriculated student at Eastern.

I only want to take one course to see what it's like...what do I do?

Eastern's courses are open to the general public and offered throughout the year. You can take a day, evening or Saturday course that fits your life and your schedule. Courses are offered at our Willimantic campus and at off-campus locations in Greater Hartford, Manchester, Groton and through EasternOnline. You can register by mail, fax or in-person. If you have questions about which course you should take, please call at (860) 465-0206 and an advisor will recommend the best choice for your individual needs and background.

I want to complete a degree...can I meet with an advisor before I apply for admission?

You certainly can. Call (860) 465-0206 to set up an appointment with one of our advisors. If you've taken college courses before, please bring records and/or transcripts that you have to your appointment.

Your advisor will do a preliminary evaluation of your transfer credit and work out an initial degree plan for you. You'll then have a better idea of what is needed to complete your degree at Eastern.



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I took college courses years ago...can I apply those credits to my degree?

Yes! If you earned credits at a regionally accredited college with a grade of “C-” or better, Eastern will accept those credits if they relate to a subject area we teach. If you have an associate degree, Eastern awards full credit for all college work earned at regionally-accredited colleges.

I need a flexible degree program...what can Eastern offer me?

Our Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree helps you to design a major to meet your personal needs and future goals.

What degrees does Eastern offer?

Degree programs offered at Eastern include:

- Master of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of General Studies
- Associate in Science

What majors are available at Eastern?

You can pursue any of the 35 majors offered through the University, depending upon your interests and availability to take courses. Some majors require day-time attendance and some require full-time status.

The majors available at Eastern are:

- Accounting (B.S.)
- Biochemistry (B.S.)
- Biology (B.A. and B.S.)
- Business Administration (B.S.)
- Business Information Systems (B.S.)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (B.S.)
- Communication (B.S.)
- Computer Science (B.S.)
- Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
- Economics (B.A.)
- Elementary Education (B.S.)
- English (B.A.)
- English with American Studies (B.A.)
- Environmental Earth Science (B.S.)
- General Studies (B.G.S.)
- History (B.A.)
- History and Social Sciences (B.A.)
- History with American Studies (B.A.)
- Individualized Major (B.A. and B.S.)
- Labor Relations & Human Resource Management (B.S.)
- Mathematics (B.A. and B.S.)
- Music (B.A.)
- Physical Education (B.S.)
- Political Science (B.A.)
- Psychology (B.S.)
- Secondary Education (B.S.)
- Social Work (B.S.W.)
- Spanish (B.S.)
- Sociology (B.A.)
- Sport and Leisure Management (B.S.)
- Theatre (B.A.)
- Visual Arts (B.A.)

Can I earn credit for my work experience and other training?

Yes, it's possible. We offer several ways to earn credit for knowledge acquired outside of college. You may earn up to a maximum of 60 credits through any one or a combination of the following “nontraditional programs.”

Credit for Lifelong Learning

If you have a minimum of five years' work/volunteer experience and training in subject areas taught by Eastern and you are 25 years or older, you may qualify for this unique program. The process includes attending a noncredit Portfolio Preparation Workshop, compiling an electronic portfolio that details what you've done and learned, and participating in an interview with Eastern faculty members. Interested? Bring a copy of your resume or an outline of your experiences to your appointment with an Eastern advisor.

Credit for Training in Health Care

If you're an LPN, Medical Laboratory Technician, Radiological Technologist or Respiratory Therapist who received your diploma/license or accredited training outside of a two-year college program, you will be awarded 30 transfer credits at Eastern. RNs who have graduated from an accredited diploma program and are licensed in Connecticut will receive 60 transfer credits toward a non-nursing bachelor degree. If you have an associate degree in any health care profession, you will receive full transfer credit at Eastern. As a health care professional, you can also take advantage of special bachelor and associate degree options designed to meet your individual career needs.

Credit for Military and Other Training

Eastern adheres to the recommendations of the American Council on Education (ACE) in granting transfer credit for military training. If you are presently serving or have previously served in the U.S. military, you could receive transfer credit for some of your training and experience. You'll need to submit your SMART transcript or DD Form 214 with appropriate documentation to our Office of Admissions for review.

College Level Testing

You can also earn college credit through testing in a wide range of subjects. The School of Continuing Education offers CLEP (College Level Examination Program) tests at our Willimantic campus and at our Groton site. Eastern will award credits to students who have taken CLEP tests and obtained the standardized ACE passing score. Eastern also accepts credits earned through DSST examinations; DSST tests are offered at our Groton site only.

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