

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ADVISEMENT GUIDE FOR UNDERGRADUATE BS IN **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION** AND CERTIFICATION
This form supersedes catalog requirements and previous forms.

Standards for teaching are set by the profession and by the State and are outlined in the Common Core of Teaching (see http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/educatorstandards/Board_Approved_CCT_2-3-2010.pdf). Eastern Connecticut State University has a State-approved teacher education program designed to prepare students to be certified professionals in education. This plan of study is an outline of requirements set by the University and by the State for the teacher certification program. This outline represents minimum requirements. Each student is encouraged to take the initiative to exceed these requirements in preparing to be the best professional possible.

ENTRANCE INTO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

1. All applicants must pass the Praxis I CBT or Praxis I PPST exam (a State competence exam in reading, writing and mathematics). A **Praxis waiver** can be obtained by applying to the State Department of Education if criteria for scores are met on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing (ACT), or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) exams (see http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/Cert/certform/ed_192.pdf for further information). The Praxis I exam should be taken early enough so that scores will be available when application is made to the teacher education program. Applications and information on the exam are available in the Education Department.

2. Evidence that applicant has completed a background check, including the fingerprinting requirement by a Regional Education Resource Center.

3. Applications to the teacher education program are obtained in the Education Department and are submitted to the Committee on Admission and Retention in Education (C.A.R.E.). Specific requirements, including a **minimum 2.70 cumulative grade point average**, are noted on the cover of the application. Application to the program should be made during the semester prior to beginning Core I of the program.

NOTE: Application deadline: October 1. Elementary Certification Program only begins in the spring semester.

ACADEMIC MAJOR:

To be certified in the State of Connecticut, one must have a bachelor's degree from an approved institution. Elementary Education Certification at Eastern Connecticut State University requires a major in an academic subject **other than Psychology, Sociology, or a major in a Physical Education field** and completion of the Professional Preparation Courses listed in the following recommended course sequence. Undergrads must meet regularly with their academic advisors from their declared majors and meet all of the University and Departmental requirements.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN EDUCATION:

*****All applicants must receive a grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite courses *** Courses may be completed prior to admission into the Elementary Education Teacher Certification Program or may be "In Progress" during semester of application deadline.**

EDU 200 Child and Adolescent Development and Exceptionalities 3 credits _____

EDU 210 Foundations of U.S. Education 3 credits _____

EDU 250 Applied Information Technology in Education 1 credit _____

Co-requisite with EDU 250 and Approved Tier II Applied Information Technology for Education Majors:

COM 250 Digital Video for Education 1 credit _____

CSC 250 Applied Computing in Education 1 credit _____

Note: EDU 250, COM 250 and CSC 250 are to be taken as a "cluster": Courses can be taken in choice of sequence.

Other Professional Courses: to be completed before or during program

PSY 206 Psychology of Childhood **OR** **PSY 208** - Psychology of Adolescence 3 credits _____

Two of the following:

ART 370 Art in the Classroom 1 credit _____

MUS 370 Music in the Elementary Classroom 1 credit _____

HPE 360 Curriculum Materials: Physical Education 1 credit _____

THE 360 Theatre in the Elementary School Classroom 3 credits _____

CURRICULUM COURSES:

The following courses are to be taken as a “block” or “Core” and are designed to be taken consecutively, one “Core” per semester, after admittance to the Undergraduate Elementary Education Teacher Certification Program.

The Cores should be taken during the last three semesters of one’s bachelor’s program when one has almost completed all major requirements as well as general education requirements.

CORE I (taken as a block) (spring only)

EDU 301 Clinical Experience—CORE I	1 credit _____
EDU 304 Learning and Teaching in Elementary Classrooms	3 credits _____
EDU 305 Reading and Language Arts I	3 credits _____
EDU 307 Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3 credits _____

CORE II (taken as a block) (Fall only)

EDU 306 Reading and Language Arts II	3 credits _____
EDU 401 Clinical Experience—CORE II	1 credit _____
EDU 411 Methods in Elementary Mathematics	3 credits _____
EDU 412 Methods in Elementary Social Studies	3 credits _____
EDU 413 Methods in Elementary Science	3 credits _____

PRAXIS II Exams: Prior to applying for certification, one must pass the designated PRAXIS II exams, Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Elementary Education: Content Area Knowledge. Information on the exams is available in the Education Department.

*****Official passing scores on PRAXIS II tests or receipt of registration for taking PRAXIS II exams must accompany student teaching application.**

CORE III (taken as a block) (spring only)

EDU 465 Classroom Management and Assessment in the Elementary School	3 credits _____
EDU 470 Student Teaching (Elementary Schools)	9 credits _____

Additional Certification Test: The CT. Foundations of Reading Test (see <http://www.ct.nesinc.com> for more information)

STATE OF CT GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

*****All teacher candidates MUST receive a GRADE OF “C” OR HIGHER in each required course.**

The following requirements may be met by general education courses as part of the Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC). These courses should be completed prior to student teaching. The State of CT. will require these courses before an individual is certified as an educator.

UNDERGRADUATE

Physical or Earth Science (3 cr.)	_____	
Biological Science (3 cr.)	_____	One science must be taken with a lab
Math 139 (3 cr.)	_____	
Math 140 (3 cr.)	_____	Math majors are exempt from taking Math 139 and Math 140
English (6 credits above ("College Writing"))	_____	_____
Social Science (3 cr.) (PSY, SOC, ECO, GEO, or PSC)	_____	
U.S. History (3 cr.)	_____	
(HIS 120 or HIS 121 or HIS 310 or other approved courses listed on CT State Department of Education website http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321384)		
Arts (3 cr.): Music, Art History, Theatre, Visual Arts	_____	
Foreign Language (6 cr.) (If not met in High School)	_____	_____
HPE 201 (1 cr.) or HPE 210 (3 cr.)	_____	