

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
ADVISEMENT GUIDE FOR **UNDERGRADUATE SECONDARY** TEACHER 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](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](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 for 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. Secondary Certification Program only begins in the Spring semester.**

**ACADEMIC MAJOR:**

Eastern is authorized to offer a certification program in the following areas of secondary education: **English, Math, Biology, Environmental Earth Science, and History/Social Studies**. (A major from another Social Science with 18 credits in History and specific history/social studies coursework may also qualify. Please see Dr. Leslie Ricklin for advisement on this option.) The requirements of the above mentioned majors at Eastern meet minimum requirements for State certification in those areas. There are further specifications mandated in English and in History/Social Studies. Please see Dr. Brandon Monroe for English and Dr. Leslie Ricklin for History/Social Studies.

**PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN EDUCATION:**

**\*\*\*All applicants must receive a grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite courses\*\*\***

**PRE-ADMISSION COURSES:**

<b>EDU 200</b>	Child and Adolescent Development and Exceptionalities	3 credits _____
<b>EDU 210</b>	Foundations of US Education	3 credits _____
<b>EDU 250</b>	Applied Info Tech in Education	1 credit _____
Co-requisite with EDU 250 and Approved Tier II Applied Information Technology for Education Majors:		
<b>COM 250</b>	Digital Video for Education	1 credit _____
<b>CSC 250</b>	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.

**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 Secondary 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 300	Learning and Teaching in Middle and Secondary Classrooms	3 credits _____
EDU 301	Clinical Experience—CORE I	1 credit _____
EDU 410	Content Area Reading and Writing (not required for Sec English)	3 credits _____
Or		
EDU 414	Literacy Development for Secondary English	3 credits _____

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

EDU 308	Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3 credits _____
EDU 401	Clinical Experience—CORE II	1 credit _____

**And one of the following according to major (3 cr.):**

EDU 460	Principles and Practices of Teaching Biology and Environmental Earth Science	_____
EDU 462	Principles and Practices of Teaching English	_____
EDU 463	Principles and Practices of Teaching History/Social Studies	_____
EDU 464	Principles and Practices of Teaching Mathematics	_____

**PRAXIS II EXAM(S):** Prior to applying for certification, one must pass the designated PRAXIS II exams corresponding to one’s content area of teaching. Applications and information on this exam is available in the Education Department.

**\*\*\*Official passing scores on Praxis II test (s) or receipt of registration for taking Praxis II must accompany student teaching application.**

**CORE III (taken as a block) (Spring only)**

EDU 425	Classroom Management and Assessment in the Secondary School	3 credits _____
EDU 471	Student Teaching (Secondary Schools)	9 credits _____

**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 will require these courses before it certifies an individual as an educator:

**UNDERGRADUATE**

- Natural Science (6 cr.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Mathematics (6 cr.) \_\_\_\_\_
- English (6 cr.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Science (3 cr.): Soc, Psy, Eco, Geo, or Psc \_\_\_\_\_
- Arts (3 cr.): Music, Theatre, Art History, Visual Arts \_\_\_\_\_
- Foreign Language (6 cr.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not met in High School)

**U.S. History (3 cr.) (HIS 120, 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>)**  
**HPE 201 (1 cr.) or HPE 210 (3 cr.) \_\_\_\_\_**