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RE: Master's of Educational Studies

Eastern Connecticut State University's Education Department is excited to announce the new M.S. Educational Studies program, now enrolling students for spring 2018. This program is designed for professional educators who are already certified to teach and or those with evidence of full-time teaching experience. This program builds on the knowledge and skills of practicing teachers to enhance their learning toward becoming master teachers. The master's of Educational Studies applies an interdisciplinary core, along with select content specific strands of study. The initial strands are: Early Childhood Education (ECE), English Language Arts (ELA), Reading Language Arts (RLA), and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

This new program reflects Eastern's Graduate Division's commitment to integrity, innovation, and inspiration. Students will be able to avail themselves of convenient scheduling, state-of-the-art curriculum, and assignments relevant to their classroom environments. Students may complete the program in one-year. Additionally, this program meets requirements for those teachers seeking to convert their *provisional* Connecticut educator certificate to a *professional* certificate.

Graduate housing and graduate assistantships are available. Opportunities to participate in a year-long, teacher residency program or the Holmes Program are also available. While both are competitive, each will add to one's educational experiences and further one's professional edge in the marketplace. The Holmes Program is designed specifically to support teachers from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

With the arrival of the M.S. Educational Studies, Eastern is no longer admitting students to the existing master's programs in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Reading Language Arts that do not lead to certification. Like Educational Studies, all are referred to as "Advanced Masters" for certified teachers. These programs will be discontinued and support for currently enrolled students will be provided to ensure their program completion.

The Education Unit also offers master's programs in Educational Technology (non-certification) and initial certification areas of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education. All programs are nationally accredited. To enroll or learn more about these or the M.S. Educational Studies program, contact graduateadmissions@easternct.edu.