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To: Education Candidate

Due to the extenuating circumstances related to the ongoing global pandemic, the University recently implemented a policy allowing students to change the current grade structure (A-F) of their courses to Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) for the Spring 2021 semester.

Even though the learning environment may have changed dramatically, Eastern’s Committee for Admission and Retention in Education (CARE) strongly recommends that teacher candidates DO NOT convert any course required for certification (i.e., ECE, EDU, and HPE) to CR/NC. Doing so may have unintended negative consequences when applying for certification in Connecticut or in other states, jeopardizing the applications of candidates whose certification courses have not been recorded with letter grades. This recommendation also extends to liberal arts courses that are required for certification.

If you are considering converting any of your course grade structures to CR/NC, CARE advises you to check with your education advisor first. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Fabrizi, Chairperson
CARE Committee

Eastern Connecticut State University is committed to following the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student with a disability (or think you may have a disability), and require adaptations or accommodations, or assistance evacuating a building in the case of an emergency, please contact the Office of Access Ability Services (OAS) at 860-465-0189 to discuss your request further. Any student registered with the OAS should contact the instructor as soon as possible for assistance with classroom accommodations. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, and must be communicated through a Letter of Accommodation which is drafted by the OAS.