



Degrees Without Boundaries

Thank you for your interest in the alternate route to certification in early childhood education offered at Charter Oak State College.

The program will be offered again next January through July 2011 with orientation/self study activities beginning in December. The application Deadline for the 2011 cohort is October 15, 2010.

Steps to apply:

1. Contact Amy Watson at (860) 832-3916 or awatson@charteroak.edu to let me know of your intent to apply to the program and request an application.
2. Send copies of your transcripts to Amy Watson, ECE ARC Coordinator, Charter Oak State College (unofficial transcripts will be accepted, but official transcripts must be on file by the beginning of the program). You may fax unofficial copies to me at (860) 832-3999, make sure you indicate ATTN: Amy Watson.
3. Have Praxis I scores or SAT/GRE waiver sent to us. If you have not already taken the Praxis I test, do so as soon as possible and request scores to be sent to Charter Oak State College, ECE ARC program.
4. Complete the application form, and make sure you attach responses to the two written essay questions.
5. Send in your application and make sure we receive your two letters of reference and employer verification forms by October 15th.

You will send all application materials to Amy Watson directly, do not complete a Charter Oak State College application. NOTE: there is currently no application fee to this program.

If you meet the minimum qualifications for the program, you will be invited to participate in an interview at Charter Oak State College during the last two weeks of November. Final admission decisions will be based on a variety of criteria including knowledge in early childhood, strength of references, depth and breadth of work experiences, and capacity for academic inquiry as indicated by academic history and verbal expression skills.

Please contact me for an application:

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ALTERNATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Charter Oak State College

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Certification Offered

Charter Oak State College, in cooperation with Eastern Connecticut State University, Mitchell College, Fairfield University, Southern Connecticut State University, St. Joseph College, University of Connecticut, and University of Hartford, will be offering an alternate route to the Connecticut Birth through Five teaching certificate (112 endorsement). This teaching certificate qualifies professionals to work in a variety of settings such as public preschools, Birth to Three Early Intervention services, and public kindergartens.

Application Process

Enrollment is limited. Acceptance into the program will be based on a variety of criteria and includes an interview process. All application materials must be received by October 15th, 2010. Interviews will take place the first two weeks of November.

Minimum Qualifications

To be considered for the program, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have completed a bachelor's degree with 15 credits in human growth and development in the areas of typical and atypical development, psychology of learning and family studies. Candidates who completed a bachelor's degree without a declared major must have completed 18 hours of related coursework in human growth and development. Foreign degree students must have their transcripts evaluated by State Department of Education:
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321296>
- Have passed the Praxis I or have SAT scores of at least 1100 and received a waiver from the State Department of Education. Scores (or waiver) must be received by December 1st so plan on taking the computerized version of test by November 15th for us to receive it on time. CONCEPT scores and GRE scores will also be considered for waivers.

To sign up to take the test with ETS:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321260>

To request a waiver from SDE:

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/Cert/certform/ed_192.pdf

- Have attained a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students with GPAs between 2.7 and 3.0 may petition in writing for consideration of a waiver based on a history of exceptional professional experience or recent academic excellence.
- Have at least three years of verified full-time experience as an early childhood educator (with children ages birth through five) or as a home visitor providing educational services to families with children between the ages of birth to five.
- Two professional references.

Additional Considerations

All qualified students will be interviewed for the program. Acceptance decisions will take into consideration candidates' knowledgebase in early childhood, strength of references, depth and breadth of work experiences, and capacity for academic inquiry as indicated by academic history and written and oral expression skills.

Program Overview

This program will consist of intensive and accelerated instruction by expert faculty. Accepted students must complete an orientation, and individual learning activities prior to the beginning of the program. All students will receive orientation in the use of on-line learning technology and Charter Oak State College resources. Students will complete on-line coursework throughout the program as well as meet for weekend classes twice a month on Friday nights and all day Saturdays (New Britain). Additionally, students must be able to complete multiple field-based projects throughout the duration of the program as well as complete a four-week unpaid full-time internship in May, June or July. Field sites for the internship will be selected for the students by the ECE ARC coordinator. Students must successfully complete all portions of the program as well as a final portfolio assessment in order to be recommended for teacher certification. Additionally, the program is a pilot program and students are asked to participate in additional program evaluation activities. Students who complete the ECE ARC program must obtain employment for 90 days with a temporary teaching certificate prior to receiving their initial teaching certification from the State Department of Education.

Program Costs

Tuition is charged for this program. Tuition and fees for the 2011 cohort have not been set.

For more information:

Please contact: Amy Watson, ECE ARC Coordinator, Charter Oak State College, (860) 832-3916, awatson@charteroak.edu



A Connecticut State College Accredited by
The New England Association of Schools and Colleges

The Alternate Certificate program is offered through Charter Oak State College in cooperation with the following institutions:

*Eastern Connecticut State University
Mitchell College
Fairfield University
Southern Connecticut State University
St. Joseph College
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford*



**Birth to Five Early Childhood Education Alternate Certificate
Program Application**

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
Other Names:		
E-mail Address:		
Home address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Social Security Number:		DOB:
Home phone (include area code):		
Work phone (include area code):		
Are you a Connecticut resident? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Are you a Charter Oak State College graduate? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Current employer and position held:		

1. Education

List all educational institutions attended and degrees completed

Institution	Dates Attended	Degree or Certificate

What was your cumulative GPA?

2. Professional Experience List all early childhood programs you have worked for. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.

Program Name:
Program Address:
Program Phone Number:
Dates of Employment:
Position Held:
Supervisor Name:

Program Name:
Program Address:
Program Phone Number:
Dates of Employment:
Position Held:
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3. The program requires a four week full-time unpaid internship in a setting selected by the program coordinator. How will you arrange for that time off with your current employer? If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.

4. Written Essay Questions

Prepare responses to each of the following questions and attach to your application.

1) Why do you want to complete an alternate certification in 0-5 at Charter Oak State College?
(one page suggested)

2) Describe your vision of a high quality early childhood classroom. (One to two pages suggested)

5. Other documentation:

Have you:

Requested your transcripts be sent to us? Yes No

If Charter Oak graduate check here

Given your previous and current employers employment verification forms?
Yes No

Taken the Praxis I already? Yes No If yes, date taken: _____ Score: _____
If no, have you signed up to take it?
Date to take the test? _____

Requested two letters of reference: Yes No

6. Is there any other information you would like us to know?

Employer Verification Form (page 1 of 2)
ECE ARC
Charter Oak State College

Directions: Make as many copies of this form as necessary and distribute to current and former employers. You must be able to demonstrate at least 3 years of successful employment in the early childhood field. Provide each employer with a stamped envelope addressed to Amy Watson, ECE ARC, Charter Oak State College, 55 Paul J. Manafort Dr. New Britain CT. 06050. Forms will not be accepted that are not received in sealed envelopes. ***This is not the same as a professional reference. In addition to this form, you must also request two letters of reference from individuals that know you well as an early childhood professional.***

Applicant (employee) name: _____

Employer Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Program Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Program Address: _____

Type of Program (services provided and ages): _____

I verify that the applicant named above worked for my program from:

(list dates of employment) _____ **to** _____ **, for** _____ **hrs/week, in the**

following position(s): _____

His/Her job performance in the following areas was: (please check)

	Unsatisfactory	Needed Improvement	Satisfactory	Above Average	Outstanding
1. Maintaining a safe and stimulating environment					
2. Providing warm and positive interactions					
2. Providing enriching activities for children					
2. Working collaboratively with other professionals					
3. Developing positive relationships with families					
4. Demonstrating professional and ethical behavior					

