

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR TOMORROW...TODAY!



**The Women In Transition (WIT)
and CT-WAGE Programs**



**Moving women and men to economic self sufficiency and
enriched family life through degree completion**

WIT – The Women In Transition Program

Established in 1999, the Women In Transition (WIT) program is designed to help underserved and low-income mothers enrich their lives and, in turn, the lives of their children by completing their college degrees online. Since its inception, this program has consistently succeeded in strengthening the ability of single mothers to support themselves and their families and in helping WIT graduates become productive members of Connecticut's workforce.

This unique initiative provides cost-free laptop computers and Internet access that allows participating students to pursue degree completion from the comfort of their homes while maintaining commitments to both their children and their jobs. The program is funded by foundation grants and donations from concerned individuals and provides federal Pell Grants to qualifying students.

Student Support

- Loan of a laptop computer
- Internet service reimbursement
- Free books for Charter Oak courses
- Reimbursement for books for courses taken at other accredited institutions of higher education
- Academic, career and personal counseling
- Personal and professional development workshops



Participation Requirements

- Must be a single mother with dependent children
- Must meet the low-income eligibility requirement
- Must have a minimum of 21 transferable college credits earned at an accredited institution(s) of higher education and/or through testing or military credit
- Must have maintained a minimum 2.3 Quality Point Average in earning those credits
- Must meet eligibility requirements for Federal Financial Aid
- Must be willing to take a minimum of two courses during each semester (fall and spring) and one summer course until meeting Associate and/or Bachelor's degree credit requirements

The CT-WAGE Program

The CT-WAGE (Connecticut Workforce Advancement Grants for Education) program was established in 2008 by the Connecticut Legislature to help married and single male or female parents in low-income jobs complete their college degrees online. The program's online study aspect contributes to reducing the student's cost for childcare and need for transportation to a college campus. CT-WAGE is supported by state funding and provides federal Pell Grants to qualifying students.

Objectives of the program, in addition to helping participants achieve their academic goals, are to prepare qualified, self-sustaining individuals for new employment and sound career advancement opportunities, to strengthen the parental role model image and to enable degree recipients to make valuable contributions to both their families and the communities in which they live.

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Participation Requirements

- Must be the parent of a child or children with whom you are actively involved and to whom you provide some degree of financial support
- Must be employed in a low-paying job – as determined by Federal Poverty and State Median Income Guidelines
- Must have 36-45 transferable credits (fewer will be considered in special cases) earned at an accredited institution(s) of higher education and/or through testing or military credit
- Must have maintained a minimum 2.3 Quality Point Average in earning those credits
- Must meet eligibility requirements for Federal Financial Aid
- Must be willing to take a minimum of two courses during each semester (fall and spring) and one summer course until meeting Associate and/or Bachelor's degree credit requirements

Profiling the Charter Oak Faculty

You'll reap the benefits of learning from dedicated and distinguished Charter Oak faculty who also hold teaching positions at other accredited colleges and universities and from professionals with expertise in a broad range of career environments. Each faculty member is an esteemed educator unhesitating in his or her desire to challenge, guide and inspire you to achieve your goals.

“The success of the CT-WAGE program in helping people improve and succeed is testimony to the honorable, wise and right choices being made by the compassionate and progressive thinkers behind this program. When I was accepted into the program, I felt like crying from feeling so blessed.”

Carlos Victoria

“The CT-WAGE program helped me further my education without the dreadful worries of where the money to pay for college would come from. As a divorced mother of three, I would never be able to pay for an education on my own. This program has not only helped me financially, but has helped my self esteem.”

Kym McKoy

“The flexibility was key. Charter Oak’s WIT program accommodated both my work and family schedules, and my daughter really respected the fact that I was going to earn my bachelor’s degree.”

Rebecca Irizarry

“I believe CT-WAGE is necessary to meet the educational needs of married individuals who want to go back to college but can’t afford it. I hope other parents can use my experience as an inspiration to further their education.”

Olive Flynn



“Charter Oak makes it possible for women like myself to work full time and still be able to go to school without worrying about childcare or cutting back my work hours. Without your assistance, I don’t know if I would have been able to make this dream come true.”

Janelle N. Smith

“The WIT program has saved my life! I’m not sure where I would be right now without it. It has given me opportunity to show my children that you can pursue your goals and graduate from college at any age.”

Vivian Maldonado

“WIT has made a tremendous difference in my life. It has given me renewed focus and provided the realization that although my dream of a college degree was deferred, it was not destroyed.”

LaVerne R. Littles



A College Concerned About YOU!

Charter Oak is a Connecticut state college established in 1973 to help *adult* learners achieve their educational and career goals through time-flexible, online degree completion programs. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, our institution has earned both state-wide and national recognition as the college that offers *'degrees without boundaries.'*



“The WIT program has offered me the chance to gain the skills and education that allowed me to become a competitive employee. I can now advance in my present job or seek other options that would have not been available to me without my degree.”

Evelyn R. Richardson

To learn more about the WIT and CT-WAGE programs, contact Delores Bell, Charter Oak's Coordinator of Special Programs.

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