

# Priority Shortage Areas Connecticut Educator Preparation Programs Graduate or Post-Baccalaureate Level

Based on *Guide to Approved Educator Preparation Programs in Connecticut (July 2017)*



## Science, Grades 7-12

### Biology

Central Connecticut State University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
Quinnipiac University  
Sacred Heart University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut  
University of Saint Joseph  
Western Connecticut State University  
Alternate Route to Certification (ARC)\*  
Relay Connecticut\*  
Teach for America\*

### Chemistry

Central Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
Sacred Heart University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut  
University of Saint Joseph  
Western Connecticut State University  
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### Earth Science

Central Connecticut State University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut  
Alternate Route to Certification (ARC)\*

### General Science

Central Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
Sacred Heart University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut  
University of Saint Joseph  
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### Physics

Central Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut  
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## Math, Grades 7-12

Central Connecticut State University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
Quinnipiac University  
Sacred Heart University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport

University of Connecticut  
University of Saint Joseph  
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## Comprehensive Special Education, Grades K-12

Central Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Connecticut  
University of Saint Joseph

## Bilingual Education, Elementary or Secondary

Fairfield University  
ACES\*\*

## TESOL, Grades PK-12

Central Connecticut State University  
Fairfield University  
ACES\*\*

\*Noncredit Alternative Program, Post-Baccalaureate Only

\*\*Cross-Endorsement Alternate Route Programs (For Holders of Valid Connecticut Teaching Certificates Only)

Adding an additional teaching endorsement: <http://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Cross-Endorsements>

Additional educator preparation programs and certification areas:  
[http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/guides/ap\\_ed\\_prep\\_prgms.pdf?la=en](http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/guides/ap_ed_prep_prgms.pdf?la=en)

## Financial Aid

### General Information

Paying for College (Scholarships, Grants, & Loans)

<https://www.ctohe.org/News/pdfs/2017/PayingForCollege.pdf>

### Scholarship Search Engines

Scholarships.com

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Connecticut Grant Watch

<https://connecticut.grantwatch.com/cat/47/college-scholarship-grants.html>

### Scholarships for Minority Students

Alma Exley Scholarship Program

<http://almaexleyscholarship.org/application-process/>

Ethnic Minority Scholarship Fund

<http://www.cea.org/cef/ethnic-minority-scholarship-fund/>

Greater New England Alliance of Black School Educators (GNEABSE)

<http://gneabse.org/award/scholarships/>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<https://www.hsf.net/>

Holmes Master's Program

(Eastern Connecticut State University)

<http://www.easternct.edu/graduate/holmes-masters-program/>

The Jackie Robinson Foundation

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/impact/programs/>

United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

<https://scholarships.gmsp.org/>

## Incentives

### Teachers' Mortgage Assistance Program

The Teachers Mortgage Assistance Program offers home loans at below-market interest rates to Connecticut public school and vocational-technical teachers who are first-time homebuyers. Previous home owners also may qualify for this loan if they purchase a home in a federally targeted area that would benefit from an increase in home ownership.

<http://www.chfa.org/Homeownership/for%20Homebuyers/Homebuyer%20Mortgage%20Programs/for%20Selected%20Professions/TeacherMortgageAssistanceProgram.aspx>

### Federal Shortage Area Programs

Teachers holding certifications in the state-designated shortage areas may be eligible for:

- targeted teacher deferment for borrowers under the Family Federal Education Loan (FFEL) and Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) programs [34 CFR 682.210(q)];
- cancellation of up to 100 percent of their debt under the Federal Perkins Loan Program for full-time teaching in fields of expertise [34 CFR 674.53(c)]; or
- reduction of the teaching obligation for scholars under the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program [34 CFR 653.50(a)].

Additionally, teaching in a shortage area enables grant recipients under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program to fulfill their teaching obligations [34 CFR 686.12(d)].