## 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

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*Noncredit Alternative Program, Post-Baccalaureate Only

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


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.

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)].