

## **Graduate Studies Policy Changes, Fall 2023**

### **I. General Activity**

- The GSC congratulates John Tully on his appointment to Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies.
- The Graduate Studies Committee passed no overarching policy changes this semester.

### **II. Proposals for Changes in Individual Graduate Programs**

#### **A. Admission Policies for the MS in Elementary Education**

*Passed unanimously by the Graduate Studies Committee October 2023*

##### **Admission Requirements:**

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must also have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.70 on a 4.00 point scale (where A is 4.00), or its equivalent, and good standing (3.00 GPA) in all post-baccalaureate course work.

To apply to the MS in Elementary Education, applicants must submit an application for graduate admission to the CCSU Office of Graduate Admissions. The following should be submitted with the application:

1. Official transcripts from each college and university attended (except Central Connecticut State University).
2. Personal statement (no more than 500 words) that briefly describes the applicant's educational and professional background and the reasons for choosing to apply to the MS in Elementary Education.
3. Evidence of having taken Praxis I or SAT or ACT or GRE.
4. Application fee paid directly to the CCSU Office of Graduate Admissions.

##### **Additional Requirements for Initial Certification by the Connecticut State Department of Education:**

The following are state requirements for certification, not university requirements for program admission. Often, these requirements are met during undergraduate or post-baccalaureate coursework.

1. A minimum of 6 semester hours of credit in child and/or human growth and development.
2. A minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in general academic courses in the areas listed below:
  1. English
  2. Natural Sciences
  3. Mathematics
  4. Social Studies
  5. Foreign Language or Fine Arts

A survey course in United States history, comprised of no fewer than three semester hours of credit, shall be included.

Applicants who meet the CCSU Admission Requirements, will be admitted to the MS in Elementary Education even if they do not meet one or more of the above state requirements. While in the program, admitted students will be advised on how to meet these and other state requirements for initial certification in Elementary Education.

#### **B. Admissions Policy for the M.S. in Construction Management**

*Passed unanimously by the Graduate Studies Committee November 2023*

### **Admissions Requirements:**

The application for admission to graduate study requires:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.70 on a 4.00 scale (where A is 4.00), or its equivalent, and good standing (3.00 GPA) in all post-baccalaureate course work is required.

Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.40 - 2.69 or without a construction management background may be considered for conditional admission.

As part of the application and admission process, the applicant must request that official undergraduate and graduate transcripts be submitted from every institution attended except Central Connecticut State University. The admission application and official transcripts must be submitted to the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

Application Deadline for the M.S. Construction Management program are as follows:

Domestic students must apply by the following application deadlines:

- August 1 for Fall Semester
- December 1 for Spring Semester
- May 1 for Summer Term

International students must apply by the following application deadlines (summer term is not available to international students):

- May 1 for Fall Semester
- November 1 for Spring Semester

The Construction Management Masters program is a 33 credit program consisting of 12 credits of common core, 18-21 credits of electives selected jointly by the student and advisor, and a zero-credit Plan B (Comprehensive Exam) capstone or a 3-credit Plan C (CM 595: Planned Research Project).