



WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Health Promotion & Exercise Science
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APPLICATION FOR PDS AND STUDENT TEACHING ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Dear Health Education PDS and Student Teaching Candidate,

The receipt of this application signals the next step toward admission to the professional semester within the Health Education program. To be fully accepted, the application and all materials must be completed properly. All required materials must be submitted electronically on LiveText, and ALL materials must be submitted at the same time.

Be sure to respond to thoroughly and professionally to the following prompts and upload any necessary attachments for the requested documentation. All required materials must be submitted at ONE TIME on LiveText on or before April 4, 2022. Please read the following information in its entirety before preparing any materials. A checklist is provided below to assist with organizing the materials.

PLEASE NOTE: *For PDS and Student Teachers:* All candidates are required to abide by the local district's security system and Health policy procedures. *For Student Teaching:* ALL districts require student teachers to be fingerprinted prior to the student teaching experience. *Student teachers may not start their clinical experiences until their fingerprint results are returned, which may take up to a month.* Additionally, some districts **have extra requirements**. For example, Brookfield requires student teachers to be tested for drugs. Danbury requires all student teachers to have completed blood-borne pathogens training as well as DCF training, for which students should receive a certificate from their HPX 215 course. Danbury, New Fairfield, and New Milford all require proof that the candidate has been fully vaccinated against the COVID virus. ***Additionally, candidates should expect to be placed within a 30-mile radius of Danbury. Placements beyond that limit may not be possible.***

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ON LIVETEXT - To upload required documents, please scan, provide a screen shot or take a picture with your phone and save as a JPEG or PDF document.

- _____ This completed application form (*including acknowledgments in Parts IV and V*)
- _____ Completed Program Sheet
- _____ WCSU transcript (from Banner)
- _____ Transcripts from other colleges/universities you have attended
- _____ Praxis Core (Praxis I) exam score report or SAT/ACT documentation from the WCSU Education Department
- _____ Praxis Subject Assessment (Praxis II) exam score
- _____ Two Letters of Recommendation (may not be from family member)
- _____ Professional Resume
- _____ Response to Part II: Professional Knowledge
- _____ Response to Part III: Written Reflection

Application Form

I. GENERAL DATA			
Last Name			
First Name			
Student ID #			
HOME ADDRESS			
Street			
City		State	Zip Code
Home Telephone			
LOCAL/CAMPUS ADDRESS			
Street			
City			
State			
Zip Code			
Campus/Local Telephone		Cell Phone	
Personal Email Address			
Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year)			

II. PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE (*response to be uploaded in a separate Word file*)

Describe two effective differentiation and two effective technology-based instructional techniques that you have observed in your fieldwork and that you would plan to incorporate into your professional semester and student teaching experiences.

III. WRITTEN REFLECTION (*response to be uploaded in a separate Word file*)

We are interested in your philosophy of teaching with respect to the topics below. Please write a cohesive essay on one of the following topics:

- The Most Important Qualities of an Outstanding Educator.
- The Distinction Between Teaching as a Profession and Teaching as a Job.
- How My Service as a Professional Semester Candidate and as a Student Teacher Will Add Value to a School Community.

IV. CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (content on Blackboard)

_____ I have read and understand the Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers

V. POLICY FOR STUDENT TEACHING (content on Blackboard)

_____ I have read and understand the WCSU Policy for Student Teaching