

# CSDE Dual Credit Expansion Grant

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GUIDANCE FOR UCONN EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE PARTNER SCHOOLS

## Overview


On April 6, 2023, Governor Lamont and Commissioner Russell-Tucker announced a \$5.5 million investment to grow dual credit offerings in high schools and expand pathways to postsecondary readiness. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) announced The Dual Credit Expansion Grant Program on May 1, 2023, and a [virtual session](#) was conducted for districts on May 8, 2023. This session was designed to provide background information, review the [application](#), outline next steps, and provide an initial opportunity to ask questions.

## The Grant

	Details
<b>Deadline</b>	Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
<b>Grant Amounts</b>	Grants will be awarded based on the number of students enrolled in Grades 11 and 12 in 2022-23. Maximum allowable amounts by enrollment will range from \$5,000 to \$90,000.
<b>Eligible Grant Activities &amp; Spending</b>	<p><u>Eligible Grant Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Create new dual credit course articulations in partnership with one or more Connecticut IHEs;</li><li>● Provide curriculum development stipends for teachers and college faculty to modify high school course content to align with college expectations so that successful completion of the course will result in students earning college credit;</li><li>● Provide financial support for current teachers who need additional coursework in order to qualify as instructors for concurrent enrollment courses; and</li><li>● Develop strategies to inform students and their families of the benefits of earning college credit during high school.</li></ul> <p><u>Eligible Spending Categories:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stipends for teachers and college faculty to work together to develop/modify curriculum to credit expectations at both IHEs and high schools.</li><li>● Tuition reimbursement for high school teachers completing requirements necessary to serve as concurrent enrollment instructors.</li><li>● Specialized equipment or materials for concurrent enrollment courses</li></ul>


### Utilizing Your UConn ECE Partnership

As a UConn ECE Partner School, there are numerous ways you can leverage your partnership with UConn to submit a competitive grant application which utilizes the funds to support and expand current course offerings for students.

Expanding Course Offerings	Building New & Expanded Instructor Pools
<p>The UConn ECE program is proud to offer partner schools 91 unique course offerings, across 37 departments at the University of Connecticut. We encourage you to review the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2022-23 Partner School Course Offerings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">UConn ECE Course Offerings</a></li> </ul>	<p>The CSDE Dual Credit Expansion Grant Program can be utilized to support additional coursework for educators seeking ECE instructor certification. We encourage you to work with your potential ECE instructors to review department specific instructor requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">UConn ECE Instructor Requirements</a></li> </ul> <p><b>UConn Graduate Coursework Fees:</b></p> <p>To support budgeting, please consider the <a href="#">current fees</a> for UConn graduate courses. A 3-credit course costs approximately \$4,821 (tuition \$3,141 &amp; fees). However, coursework doesn't have to be UConn courses to satisfy the requirements.</p>
Professional Development (PD) Release Time & Substitute Coverage	Expanded Access to UConn ECE Required Textbooks, Software & Equipment
<p>The UConn ECE program prides itself on offering high quality, content specific professional development <b>at no cost</b> to our certified ECE instructors. We encourage you to consider grant funds to support release time for your current (and future) ECE instructors and to consider release time for aspiring instructors to complete the application process &amp; develop UConn approved course syllabi.</p> <p>UConn ECE also has several PD based pathways to obtain ECE certification for Asian &amp; Asian American Studies (AAAS), Computer Science (CSE) &amp; Maritime Studies (MAST).</p> <p>UConn will also have eCampus coursework available to support ECE certification for ENGL 1004/1007 beginning Summer 2024.</p>	<p>Do you offer or plan to offer UConn ECE courses that require specific textbooks, software or laboratory requirements? Consider utilizing grant funds to enhance your resources and expand course offerings moving forward.</p> <p><b>Discounted Textbooks?</b> If you need to update textbooks for a UConn ECE course, don't hesitate to reach out to the ECE Office to see if the UConn Barnes &amp; Noble Bookstore can offer discounted bulk purchasing.</p> <div data-bbox="839 1791 1225 1940" style="text-align: center;">  </div>

# Supporting Your *Grant Application*

The UConn ECE office recognizes that you have limited space (400–500 words) to celebrate your efforts to provide students access to concurrent and dual enrollment course offerings. As such, we hope the following starter responses provide you with some UConn ECE specific information to begin your grant application.

Grant Application Question	Grant Application Prompt
8	"Describe any current partnerships the district has with Connecticut IHEs and include a list of current dual credit courses available to students"
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sample Partner School Starter Response:</b></p> <p>"XXXXX Public Schools is proud to partner with the UConn Early College Experience (ECE) Program. As the nation's oldest concurrent enrollment program, and Connecticut's only NACEP accredited program, the UConn ECE program supports student access to meaningful and rigorous college coursework. Through this partnership, XXXXX high school (s) offer the following UConn courses: ..."</p>	
8	"If there are concurrent enrollment (courses taken on the high school campus) partnerships <u>and</u> dual enrollment (courses taken at a college or university) partnerships, provide separate explanations for each."
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sample Partner School Starter Response:</b></p> <p>"As a UConn ECE approved partner school, XXXX High School (s) offers UConn concurrent enrollment courses through the UConn ECE program. As a NACEP accredited program, partner schools meet rigorous instructor and course standards, helping ensure a national transferability rate of 87% for the UConn credits earned through UConn ECE."</p>	
8	"In the descriptions, explain how career clusters/pathways for students are related to the district's dual credit course offerings"
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sample Partner School Starter Response:</b></p> <p>"As Connecticut's only nationally accredited concurrent enrollment program, UConn's Early College Experience's (ECE) robust catalog of course offerings are uniquely situated to help schools support student success across the 12 Connecticut Career Clusters. Through our UConn ECE course offerings, XXXXX High School (s) provide students access to rigorous and meaningful college coursework in the following career clusters/pathways: ..."</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;">– see our companion <a href="#">UConn ECE &amp; CT Career Clusters</a> document to support your response</p>	

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"Explain how the grant funds will be used to expand existing partnerships or establish new partnerships with Connecticut IHEs. **Partnership with at least one Connecticut IHE is required in this grant.**"

**Sample Partner School Responses:**

"XXXXX High School/ District will expand their partnership with UConn ECE through the following activities:

- Create new concurrent enrollment course articulations by providing informational sessions, materials, and workshops to students, families and staff.
- Provide financial support for ## teachers to take additional course work in DISCIPLINE(S) to qualify for certification in the following UConn COURSE(S)####.
- Provide substitute coverage & release time for current and future UConn ECE instructors to complete applications, attend workshops and participate in professional development sessions required to obtain and/or maintain UConn ECE instructor certification.
- Develop a marketing plan to reach students and families regarding the benefits of taking UConn courses in high school, including the development of multi-lingual materials.
- Host informational sessions for parents of potential first generation college to describe the benefits of a college education and how concurrent enrollment courses, such as UConn ECE, can help provide a foundation of success.
- Enhance UConn ECE course offering and student enrollment by providing opportunities to transport students to UConn's campus for UConn ECE course enrichment events.
- Purchase the following (books, technology, and/or materials) as needed to successfully offer UConn COURSE####.

## Additional Support:

The Office of Early College Programs and UConn Early College Experience staff members are here to help. If you have additional questions about potential course offerings, instructor qualifications or school specific data, please do not hesitate to contact us.

General Program Resources:	UConn <a href="#">Early College Experience Program</a>
Program Fees & Waiver Policy	UConn ECE <a href="#">Program Fees &amp; Waiver Policy</a>
Contact Information:	UConn ECE <a href="#">Points of Contact</a>