UCCSTeach Mission

Our mission is to recruit, prepare, and retain exemplary, highly qualified science and mathematics teachers.

The program serves this mission by providing full teaching licensure for undergraduate majors obtaining mathematics and science degrees.

UCCSTeach Program Hallmarks

Integration and Inquiry Collaboration Professional Guidance and Inspiration

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"A literate nation not only reads, it calculates, analyzes, and innovates." Dr. Linda Rosen

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Post Baccalaureate Application Information

SECONDARY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE



University of Colorado Colorado Springs

1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80918



This packet contains all the information and documents needed to apply to the UCCSTeach Program as a post baccalaureate student.

To apply to UCCSTeach for teaching certification as a Post Baccalaureate student, you must hold an undergraduate degree in math, science or other STEM related degree. After an initial information appointment with UCCSTeach program coordinator, your undergraduate transcripts will be reviewed by a co-director, and with their approval and submission of the documents required as outlined in this document; you will apply for admission to UCCS online: https://www.uccs.edu/admissionsenrollment/non-degree-seeking-students. Your applications will not be approved by UCCSTeach until all required documents are received, reviewed and an inperson or teleconference interview is completed. You will be enrolled at UCCS under this non-degree seeking application because you are <u>not</u> applying to the University seeking a degree, rather a certification. UCCSTeach is a certification program, not a degree.

These documents should be turned in as one packet to the UCCSTeach program office.

- Application for UCCSTeach
- Praxis Score Report
- > Online State Background check (only if applying from outside of Colorado)
- Career Goals Statement
- > Resume
- References (2)
- Official Transcripts

Transcripts should be sent to:

If electronic delivery option is available, please send to both <u>mpittma2@uccs.edu</u> as well as <u>registrar@uccs.edu</u>. This is the preferred delivery method. If not available, the mail delivery option is:

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After you are admitted to UCCS you will need to meet with Program Coordinator and Advisor (Michelle Pittman) to plan courses each semester.

Transcript(s)

Transcripts are required for all post-secondary degree granting institutions (universities or colleges) you have attended. One official transcript from each of these institutions must be sent to the UCCS.

Additional classes

If your undergraduate degree is 5-10 years old, you may be required to take additional classes in your content area to refresh your knowledge and/or to meet Colorado Department of Education licensure requirements.



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Testing requirements

You will be required to take the PRAXIS test *prior* to being admitted to the UCCSTeach program. You may register online for the PRAXIS II test by going to <u>www.ets.org/praxis</u>.

For licensure in the State of Colorado please take the appropriate exam(s):

Mathematics: Mathematics (7-12) Mathematics Content Knowledge – Test #5165 **Science:** Science (7-12) General Science: Content Knowledge – Test #5435

You must provide your score report to the UCCSTeach program by emailing **mpittma2@uccs.edu**.

Fingerprinting/Background check

If you are applying from out of State, please provide an In-State Background Check to the program office.

At the beginning of your UTED 1030 class, you will be required to have fingerprints taken in accordance with Colorado Department of Education and University of Colorado policy.

<u>GPA</u>

You must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 to be considered for acceptance into the UCCSTeach program. After you are accepted, you must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 in your 33 credits of UCCSTeach core classes (see table) Minimum grade requirement for each class is B- or above.

UCCSTeach Core Classes (<u>Mathematics</u> Majors)	UCCSTeach Core Classes (<u>Science</u> Majors)
UTED 1030 – Inquiry Approaches (3)	UTED 1030 – Inquiry Approaches (3)
UTED 2010 – Knowing and Learning (3)	UTED 2010 – Knowing and Learning (3)
UTED 3020 – Classroom Interactions (3)	UTED 3020 – Classroom Interactions (3)
UTED 4710 – Project-Based Instruction (3)	UTED 4710 – Project-Based Instruction (3)
UTED 4720 – Reading in the Content Area (3)	UTED 4720 – Reading in the Content Area (3)
UTLS 3030 – Perspectives in Science and Mathematics Teaching (3) <i>Offered in the spring only</i>	UTLS 3030 – Perspectives in Science and Mathematics Teaching (3) <i>Offered in the spring only</i>
UTLS 3480 – Functions and Modeling (3) <i>Offered in the fall only</i>	UTLS 3040 – Science Research Methods (3) <i>Offered in the fall only</i>



Career Goals Statement

Prepare a career goals statement, which should be 3-4 pages, typed in APA format. Your openness and honesty will be considered an important factor in the rating of your application. Your statement should address each of the following:

- What motivates you to become a secondary math or science teacher?
- Describe your thought process as you made the decision to become a teacher.
- What does inquiry-based teaching/learning mean to you?
- Reflection on personal strengths (e.g., intellectual passion, academic abilities, dispositions to work with youth and professional colleagues) and experiences that you will build upon to reach all learners.
- Description of a powerful learning experience in your life and how it might inform your own teaching in the future.

References/Recommendations

You are required to submit 2 references/recommendations with your application. Letters should be returned directly to the UCCSTeach Program Coordinator by emailing **mpittma2@uccs.edu**. Please make sure you follow up with your references to ensure they submit their reference form in a timely manner. Preferably one reference from an academic source, preference for other references would be from those who could speak to your interactions with K-12 age students.

Interview

Once your file is complete, you will be scheduled for an interview. If you are applying from out of state your interview can be conducted via tele/video conferencing.

<u>Advising</u>

It is important that you stay on track with your UCCSTeach classes. Please schedule an advising appointment with the program coordinator after you have been fully admitted.

Send or deliver all materials to:

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