UCCSTeach

Undergraduate Program Application Information

SECONDARY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

UCCS University of Colorado Colorado Springs

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This packet contains information and documents needed to apply to the UCCSTeach Program as an undergraduate student. Our process is very thorough; our goal is to recruit the very best candidates to teach secondary mathematics and science. Your application and goal statement must be turned in as one packet, your letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the program office. Failure to complete this application process will result in you not being able to continue with UCCSTeach classes.

Eligibility

- After completing UTED 1030: Inquiry Approaches and Lesson Plan Design and UTED 2010: Knowing and Learning in Science and Mathematics, students are invited to formally apply to the UCCSTeach program. Only students accepted into the program may continue taking UCCSTeach coursework.
- You must have fingerprints on file with UCCS prior to your program interview. Fingerprints will have been requested and processed in your first UCCSTeach course.
- 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 18 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 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) *Offered in the spring only*	UTLS 3030 – Perspectives in Science and Mathematics Teaching (3) *Offered in the spring only*
UTLS 3480 – Functions and Modeling (3) *Offered in the fall only*	UTLS 3040 – Science Research Methods (3) *Offered in the fall only*

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?

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- 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 guide your own teaching in the future.

Letters of Recommendation

You are required to submit 2 professional letters of recommendation with your application.

The person you are seeking a reference from must email their letter directly to the UCCSTeach Program Coordinator, Michelle Pittman, **mpittma2@uccs.edu**. It is your responsibility to follow up with your references to ensure they submit their reference in a timely manner.

Interview

When the application, career goals statement and letters of recommendation have been received, you will be scheduled for an interview. When arranging your interview time, we will make every effort to avoid conflicts in your schedule. Failure to appear when scheduled essentially stops your application. The UCCSTeach Program will notify you of the decision on your application by email within 2 weeks after your interview has been completed. If you are not accepted, you may make an appointment with the UCCSTeach Program Co-Directors and Master Teachers to review the reason for non-acceptance and possible ways to strengthen your application if you choose to reapply.

Advising

Scheduling an advising appointment with the UCCSTeach program coordinator is required after being admitted to the program. Please email the program coordinator (Michelle Pittman) to schedule a time.

In addition, you must continue to advise with your University assigned advisor. It is important that you stay current with your degree in conjunction with completing the UCCSTeach program for teacher certification.

Please send applications to: Michelle Pittman
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