

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Community College of Rhode Island has an open admissions policy that gives all Rhode Island residents an opportunity for education beyond the high school level. Students who plan early on to attend CCRI with the intention of transferring to a four-year college or university should take college preparatory courses in high school to obtain a solid foundation in the humanities, languages, arts, mathematics and sciences. Students who have not had the benefit of a college-prep curriculum are offered the opportunity to develop this knowledge and skill base through a variety of developmental and introductory classes.

Prospective applicants who have reached the age of 16 years (*the compulsory school attendance age in Rhode Island*) and have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent may be admitted to a certificate or degree program at CCRI. (*The equivalent of a high school diploma is defined as “demonstrated ability in passing all tests required to earn a General Education Development certificate (GED) by the Rhode Island Department of Education.”*)

Although a high school diploma or its equivalent is not a general admission requirement of the college, provided the student is 18 years of age, intercollegiate athletic participants, applicants for financial aid or veterans’ benefits and students applying for transfer to *some* four-year colleges and universities must show evidence of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Students applying to CCRI should submit a copy of their high school or GED transcripts.

A high school diploma or its equivalent is required for admission to the following programs. In addition, individual departments may have specific admission requirements that students must meet. Since many of the programs listed below have specific space limitations for admission, it is to the student’s benefit to complete special admission requirements as soon as possible.

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| Biotechnology | Diagnostic Medical Sonography |
| Emergency/Disaster Management | Health Care Interpreter |
| Histotechnician | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| Nursing | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| Clinical Laboratory Technology | Renal Dialysis Technology |
| Radiography (X-ray) | Occupational Therapy Assistant |
| Cardio-Respiratory Care | Opticianry |
| Dental Hygiene | Phlebotomy |
| Dental Assisting | Therapeutic Massage |

All transcripts submitted for admission and financial aid must be official and sent to CCRI directly from the respective institution. Applicants with General Education Development certificates (GEDs) should have a transcript of equivalency scores sent to CCRI from the General Equivalency Center. Equivalencies from correspondence schools are not acceptable.

In the case of secondary education received outside of the United States, transcripts must be evaluated to be equivalent to U.S. secondary school completion. A list of authorized agencies that evaluate foreign transcripts is available in CCRI’s Office of Enrollment Services.

The College Board SAT Reasoning™ and SAT Subject Tests™ are not required for admission to CCRI.

Non-citizens: Students who are not U.S. citizens or who do not possess a Resident Alien Card (I-151, I-551) or I-94 signifying refugee status may be subject to out-of-state tuition rates. A residency policy is available on the Web site at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/residency.shtml.

ADMISSION DATES

Applications are processed as they are received. A cutoff date may be imposed in many of the career programs due to the large number of applications. Students should apply as early as possible.



CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

For information on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Challenge Exams and credit for life, work and military learning experiences, see the **Academic Information** section of this catalog on page 21 and 22.

Returning Degree Students

Currently enrolled students will receive registration information via MyCCRI announcements.

The Course Bulletin includes information on how to register for the next semester.

A degree evaluation/advisement report is available through MyCCRI at www.mycCRI.ccRI.edu.

Consult with Advising and Counseling to ensure proper course selection for your program of study.

Use online registration to sign up for courses you wish to enroll in for the next semester.

Refer to Bursar's Office payment calendar on the Web site at www.ccRI.edu/bursar. Send full payment for your courses or participate in our payment plan.

Print a copy of your schedule which can be accessed via MyCCRI at www.ccRI.edu.

Attend classes during the semester. Consult an adviser about planning what courses to take in future semesters. If you are undecided about your program of study or future, consult a counselor. For more information, contact the Department of Advising and Counseling.

New Degree Students

Contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 401 825-2003 for program information. Complete the Application for Enrollment in the back of this catalog. You can also apply online at www.ccRI.edu.

Submit an Application for Enrollment with the \$20 application fee to the college. For information on when semesters begin, see the college calendar on the Web site at www.ccRI.edu/academics/calendar.shtml.

Watch your mail for an acceptance packet and placement testing information.

After completing placement testing, attend a freshman registration session to select your courses and register. Counselors will be available to assist you.

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JOINT ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT (JAA) WITH RIC AND URI

Students interested in earning a bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College (RIC) or the University of Rhode Island (URI) may be eligible to participate in JAA at CCRI. JAA is a program for first-time college students who sign up before earning 30 college-level credits.

JAA participants:

- Earn an associate degree in General Studies at CCRI
- Complete one of the approved JAA transition plans within five years
- Meet with a CCRI and a RIC or URI adviser each semester
- Graduate from CCRI with at least a 2.4 cumulative GPA
- Meet all the requirements of the JAA program.

Benefits to JAA participants:

- Access advising from CCRI and RIC or URI
- Be conditionally enrolled at RIC or URI while a student at CCRI
- Transfer 60 credits that apply toward the bachelor's degree at RIC or URI
- Be eligible for a tuition reduction by earning a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Save money through waived application fees at RIC or URI
- Once at RIC or URI, register for courses with other degree students with the same number or credits

Students interested in JAA should meet with an adviser in the Department of Advising and Counseling to discuss transfer options and complete the Joint Admissions Agreement application. For information on JAA, contact the CCRI JAA coordinator by phone at 401-333-7096 or send an e-mail to jaa@ccri.edu or contact the Department of Advising and Counseling on any campus.

More information on JAA can be found on the CCRI Web site at www.ccri.edu/jaa.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

International students applying for admission to the Community College of Rhode Island must submit the following by March 31 for acceptance to the college for the upcoming fall semester (no acceptances for spring semester). The International Student Application is available at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/.

1. Completed **Application for Enrollment** with \$20 non refundable application fee.
2. Evidence of **proficiency in the English** language demonstrated by submitting one of the following:
 - o Official test score results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Minimum acceptable score is 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 213 on the computer-based TOEFL and 80 on the Internet-based TOEFL **OR**
 - o Official transcript from an accredited college or university indicating completion of an equivalent three-credit Composition I course with a minimum grade of "C" **OR**
 - o Acceptable score on English Placement Exam given by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling
3. An **evaluation** by an accrediting agency certifying that secondary school transcripts indicate equivalency to U.S. secondary school completion. A list of authorized agencies is available in the Office of Enrollment Services.
4. **Personal Data Statement**, a form included in foreign applicant packet available in the Office of Enrollment Services.
5. **Evidence of Financial Support** – If the applicant's personal funds are not supporting his/her education, the college will accept a sponsor's documentation of finances and a signed affidavit written or translated in English stating that the sponsor is accepting full financial responsibility for the student while he/she is in attendance at the Community College of Rhode Island.

International students:

- o must pay out-of-state tuition and fees.
- o are not eligible for financial aid.
- o must attend full time (12 credit hours) each semester.
- o do not have on-campus housing available.

Once accepted, students will be issued an acceptance packet with an accompanying I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status).

Note: CCRI reserves the right to limit acceptance of international applicants in certain programs.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) Regional Student Program allows students to attend CCRI at a regional tuition rate which is 150 percent of the current in-state tuition rate. To be considered for the regional rate, students must be enrolled in a degree or certificate program. In addition, there are three options through which students may qualify for the regional rate: 1) through the CCRI Interstate Tuition Plan, which allows Massachusetts and Connecticut residents who live in a town/city within a 15-mile radius of the CCRI campuses to attend at the discounted rate; 2) no public institution in student's home state offers the intended major; and 3) CCRI is closer in travel time from student's town/city than a public institution in student's home state that offers the intended major. Please note that there may be specific majors that are exempt from any tuition discount, regardless of home residency. For further information, please visit the Web site at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/residency.html.

SERVICEMEMBERS OPPORTUNITY COLLEGES

CCRI is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), a group of more than 400 colleges and universities providing voluntary postsecondary education to members of the military throughout the world. As a member of SOC, CCRI recognizes the unique nature of the military lifestyle and has committed itself to easing the transfer of relevant course credits, providing flexible academic residency requirements and crediting learning from appropriate military training and experiences. SOC has been developed jointly by educational representatives of each of the Armed Services, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and a consortium of 13 leading national higher education associations. It is sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC).

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Running Start Program

High school seniors who wish to study at CCRI on a full-time basis during the day may be eligible to earn college credit and credit toward high school graduation simultaneously. The Running Start Program is for high school students who have demonstrated academic achievement and the maturity necessary to enroll in college courses during their senior year of high school. For further information on eligibility requirements, please visit the Web site at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/admn_info.html.

High School Enrichment Program

High school students who wish to take CCRI courses are required to complete a High School Enrichment form available in high school guidance departments. Placement is dependent upon high school guidance counselor and principal recommendation and approval. Registration may be contingent on course availability and instructor agreement. Generally this program is limited to high school juniors and seniors. For information, call 401-825-2003.

High School/Community College of Rhode Island Partnership Program

The High School/Community College of Rhode Island Partnership Program offers high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. Students enrolled in selected high school courses that meet CCRI curriculum requirements obtain college credits upon successful completion of the high school course, high school graduation and enrollment at CCRI. Interested high school students should contact their guidance counselor as soon as possible so they may enroll in appropriate classes while in high school. For more information, call CCRI's Office of Enrollment Services at 401-825-2003.

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Certification of benefits is provided by the veterans certifying officials in the Office of Enrollment Services. Students who qualify for veterans educational benefits may obtain enrollment and certification information by visiting www.ccri.edu/oes/veterans.

VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS

The Department of Veterans Affairs announces a new program designed to assist student veterans on campus. VetSuccess on Campus is offered at CCRI through the Veterans Benefits Administration and places an experienced vocational counselor on campus to provide VA benefits outreach, support and assistance. The VetSuccess on Campus counselor serves as a "one-stop liaison" for student veterans on campus. Rhode Island is one of seven states in the nation to have an on-campus counselor from the VA.

Micaela Black is the VetSuccess on Campus representative for Rhode Island and she has been at CCRI since October 2010. Veterans can contact Micaela Black at 401-648-1597 or via e-mail at micaela.black@va.gov.