

# ADMISSIONS

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Community College of Rhode Island has a policy of open admissions 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, language, arts, mathematics and sciences. Students who have not had the benefit of this 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 sixteen (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.

Biotechnology  
Emergency / Disaster Management  
Histotechnician  
Nursing  
Clinical Laboratory Technology  
Radiography (X-ray)  
Cardio-Respiratory Care  
Dental Hygiene

Dental Assisting  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
Health Care Interpreter  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Renal Dialysis Technology  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Phlebotomy  
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 Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT I, II) 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 in the Office of Enrollment Services.

## ADMISSION DATES

CCRI begins processing applications for programs that begin in the spring (January) semester, summer (June) and fall (September) semester on Sept. 1 prior to the date of intended entry. 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.



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## Returning Degree Students

Currently enrolled students will receive registration information via CCRI Pipeline Campus announcements.

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

A degree evaluation/advisement report is available through Campus Pipeline at <http://pipeline.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.

Watch your mail for a tuition bill from the Bursar's Office or access current account information via Pipeline at [www.ccri.edu](http://www.ccri.edu). Send full payment for your courses or participate in our payment plan.

You will be sent a confirmation of your course schedule. The most up-to-date schedule information can be accessed via Pipeline at [www.ccri.edu](http://www.ccri.edu).

Attend classes during the semester. Consult an advisor 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 Office of Advising and Counseling.

## New Degree Students

Contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 825-2003 for program information. Complete the application in the back of this catalog. You can obtain additional applications from Enrollment Services or your high school guidance department, or apply online at [www.ccri.edu](http://www.ccri.edu).

Submit an admissions application with a \$20 application fee to the college. For information on when semesters begin, see the calendar on page 33.

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

After completing placement testing, attend an orientation/course scheduling 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 continuing on to a four-year bachelor's degree program at Rhode Island College (RIC) or the University of Rhode Island (URI) may choose to participate in the JAA at CCRI. Participants must: 1) complete a General Studies program (in one of the designated transition programs); 2) complete a minimum of 60 credits of course work. These credits can then be applied toward a baccalaureate degree program at RIC or URI; 3) graduate from CCRI with a 2.4 cumulative GPA.

JAA participants can:

- Access advising and counseling from all three schools;
- Register for courses at RIC or URI as an enrolled degree student;
- Access a discounted tuition program based on GPA;
- Save money through waived application fees at RIC or URI;
- Attend a special orientation and other events on the RIC or URI campus;
- Be conditionally enrolled at RIC or URI while a student at CCRI.

The Joint Admissions Application is printed in this catalog, or is available in the Office of Enrollment Services on all campuses. For further information, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (401) 825-2003.

## ADDITIONAL "INTENT TO ENROLL" TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

In addition to the JAA, CCRI has entered into additional transfer articulation agreements with the following four-year institutions to facilitate the transfer of our graduates in the pursuit of earning a baccalaureate degree. See the Transfer Information section on page 15. Essentially, once a student has been accepted to the Community College of Rhode Island, s/he will be accepted to one of the seven schools upon his/her declaration to enroll in a four-year program.

Anna Maria College  
Assumption College  
New England Institute of Technology  
Nichols College

Rhode Island College  
University of Massachusetts  
- Dartmouth  
University of Rhode Island

The **Joint Admissions/Intent to Enroll Form** is part of CCRI's acceptance packet. For more information about joint admissions, call Enrollment Services at 825-2003.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

International students applying for admission to the Community College of Rhode Island must submit the following by March 31 for acceptance the upcoming fall semester (no acceptances for spring semester). Once accepted, students will be issued an acceptance packet with an accompanying I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status).

1. Completed **application** form 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 TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). 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 Office 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** – 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 Have no on-campus housing available.

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

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## **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 town/city residents who live 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 contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 401-825-2003

## **SERVICEMEMBERS OPPORTUNITY COLLEGES**

CCRI is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), a group of more than 400 colleges and universities providing voluntary post secondary 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 thirteen 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 maturity necessary to enroll in college courses during the senior year of high school. For further information on eligibility requirements, call 825-2003.

### **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. The CCRI instructor's agreement as well as seat availability are also required. Generally this program is limited to high school juniors and seniors. For information, call 825-2003.

### **High School/Community College Partnership Program**

The High School/Community College 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 and are guaranteed admission to specific college programs 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 Enrollment Services at 825-2003.

## **VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

Students who qualify under the War Orphans' and Widows' Educational Assistance Act, Chapter 35, or for Educational Assistance for Veterans (new GI bill), Chapters 106 and 30, for the Educational Rehabilitation Program, Chapter 31 or for the VEAP Program, Chapter 32, may obtain information from the Office of Enrollment Services.