

# Admissions

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## Requirements

The Community College of Rhode Island has an open admissions policy that offers Rhode Island residents an opportunity for education beyond the high school level.

A high school diploma or its equivalent is not a general admissions requirement of the college provided the student is 18 years of age, the compulsory age for high school attendance in Rhode Island. Students who are younger than 18 years of age must submit official high school or GED® transcripts indicating a graduation date prior to enrolling at the college.

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

CCRI has instituted a performance-based application process for selected Health Sciences programs. [Please see this page for more information.](#)

All transcripts submitted for admission must be official and sent to CCRI's Office of Enrollment Services directly from the respective institution. Applicants with GED® credentials should have a transcript of equivalency scores sent to CCRI from the General Equivalency Center. Equivalencies from correspondence schools are not acceptable.

Home-school transcripts must be official, and documentation from the local school district approving the home-schooling program should be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services.

In the case of secondary education received outside of the United States, transcripts must be evaluated to determine whether they meet U.S. secondary school completion requirements. [A list of authorized agencies that evaluate foreign transcripts is available on the Admissions website.](#)

Although the College Board SAT® test is not required for admission to CCRI, students who take the SAT® or ACT® may list CCRI as a report school. Test scores will provide additional information for course placement.

The Rhode Island Board of Education established the residency rules for students attending the three state institutions of higher education: the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island. [The residency policy is available here.](#)

## Admission Dates

Applications are processed as they are received. Performance-based Health Science applications are accepted during designated months. [Please see this page for more information.](#) Students should apply online as early as possible.

# Admissions and Registration

## RHODE ISLAND PROMISE

High school graduates of the Class of 2019 who live in Rhode Island can attend CCRI tuition free through the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship, regardless of family income. [Learn about the specific requirements here.](#)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

International students can begin their studies at CCRI every fall semester. To ensure we complete the application process in a timely manner, prospective students living outside the U.S. need to submit the completed application by May 31. Students already in the U.S. must submit completed applications by June 28. [The International Student Application is available here.](#)

## Community College of Rhode Island

1. Completed Application for Enrollment.
2. Evidence of proficiency in the English language demonstrated by submitting one of the following:
  - a. Official test score results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Minimum acceptable score is 500 on the paper-based TOEFL, 61 on the Internet-based TOEFL OR
  - b. 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
  - c. Acceptable score on the 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 or on this [international student form](#).
4. Personal Data Statement, a form included in the foreign applicant packet.
5. If the applicant's personal funds are not supporting his or her education, the college will accept a sponsor's evidence of financial support and a signed affidavit written in or translated into English stating that the sponsor is accepting full financial responsibility for the student while he or she is in attendance at the Community College of Rhode Island.

### International students

- must pay out-of-state tuition and fees.
- are not eligible for financial aid.
- must attend full time (12 credit hours) each semester.
- 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).

### 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.

- Students who live in any New England state outside of Rhode Island qualify for the 150 percent NEBHE tuition rate.
- Students who return to CCRI after a break in enrollment are held to the NEBHE policy in place at the time of their return.

For further information, please visit [this page](#).

### UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS LIVING IN RHODE ISLAND

In 2011, the Rhode Island Board of Education approved a measure granting in-state tuition to students who are neither U.S. citizens nor permanent residents of the United States, provided they attended a Rhode Island high school for three or more years and continue to live in Rhode Island; graduated from an approved Rhode Island high school or received a GED® credential; and signed an affidavit confirming that they are seeking legal status. Students who wish to apply for in-state tuition based upon these criteria must complete and submit an application and affidavit, [which can be found on this page](#). Students must also collect and submit documentation to show that they meet the requirements for receiving in-state tuition and fees.

For more information, [visit the OES website](#) or call the Office of Enrollment Services at 401-825-2003.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For more information about special programs for high school students, [visit the OES website](#) or call CCRI's Office of Enrollment Services at 401-825-2003.

#### 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. [The Running Start application is available here](#).

#### High School Enrichment Program

High school juniors and seniors who wish to take CCRI courses on a part-time basis (up to eight credits) are required to complete an application for the [High School Enrichment Program](#), which is available in high school guidance departments or may be found [here](#). Course selection is made at the discretion of the high school counselor or principal. Registration may be contingent on course availability and instructor agreement.

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 school counselor as soon as possible so they may enroll in appropriate classes while in high school. To obtain credit, students must submit an official high school transcript and [an Articulated Credit Form](#).

Prepare RI

State funds are available to support special programs for high school students. For more information about Prepare RI dual and concurrent enrollment programs, please visit the [Rhode Island Department of Education website](#).

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Students who qualify for veterans educational benefits may obtain [enrollment and certification information by visiting this page](#).

According to Rhode Island General Law (30-30.2-3 (2)), all combat veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Reserves and the United States Coast Guard shall have priority course registration at any Rhode Island public institution of higher education.