

# Foreign Student Resources

Office of Higher Education

www.ohe.ct.gov

Most colleges and universities in the United States require students to have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent as for admission. If you have earned a diploma from a school located outside of the country, many U.S. colleges and professional licensing agencies will ask you to have your foreign credentials evaluated. Proper documentation also is required to enter and remain in the U.S.

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## General Information for International Students

U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – general guide for foreign students  
<http://educationusa.state.gov>

U.S. State Department – Information on obtaining student visas  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/study-exchange.html>

U.S. Department of Education – Financial aid eligibility information  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) – standardized test required for entrance to many U.S. colleges  
[www.ets.org/toefl/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/)

General information for foreign students considering studying in the U.S.  
[www.edupass.org](http://www.edupass.org)

## Connecticut Resources

Office of Higher Education – Search for programs offered by accredited colleges and postsecondary career schools  
[www.ctohe.org/HEWeb/programsearch.asp](http://www.ctohe.org/HEWeb/programsearch.asp)

Connecticut Licensing Center – state licensing agency contacts, forms and explanations on how to obtain licenses  
<https://www.cerc.com/licenses/>

High School Equivalency – information on obtaining a General Equivalency Degree (GED)  
[www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&Q=320688&sdePNavCtr=#45490](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&Q=320688&sdePNavCtr=#45490)

## Learning English

Adult Education Offices – free, federally-funded, basic English-as-a-Second Language classes offered in all towns  
[www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Adult/providerdirectory.pdf#45469](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Adult/providerdirectory.pdf#45469)

Literacy Volunteers – offer free or low cost, one-on-one and small group training in basic literacy and ESL  
[www.proliteracy.org](http://www.proliteracy.org)

## Intensive English Language Courses offered by Connecticut Colleges

Once you feel comfortable with basic English, several college programs can help you strengthen your English skills:

Central Connecticut State University – <http://web.ccsu.edu/cie/ielp>

Sacred Heart University – [www.sacredheart.edu/academics/englishasasecondlanguage/](http://www.sacredheart.edu/academics/englishasasecondlanguage/)

University of Bridgeport – <http://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/english-language-institute/>

University of Connecticut – [www.ucaeli.uconn.edu/](http://www.ucaeli.uconn.edu/)

University of Hartford – [www.hartford.edu/eli/](http://www.hartford.edu/eli/)  
Yale University – [www.yale.edu/eli/](http://www.yale.edu/eli/)

## Foreign Credential Evaluators

If you have completed any education outside of the U.S. and are seeking to enroll in a Connecticut college or postsecondary career school, your credentials must be evaluated by an agency approved by the institution you plan to attend. Foreign credential evaluators are listed below. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education has information on foreign diploma and credit recognition at [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-visitus-forrecog.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-visitus-forrecog.html).

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[www.ece.org/](http://www.ece.org/)

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(305) 273-1616  
[www.jsilny.com](http://www.jsilny.com)

Global Credential Evaluators, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9203  
College Station, Texas 77842  
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[www.gceus.com/](http://www.gceus.com/)

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