

About UConn's ConnCAP Program...

What is the ConnCAP Program? The ConnCAP Program at the University of Connecticut has been serving high school students since 1997. The program was founded and funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education. Students are selected to participate in ConnCAP at the end of the ninth grade and continue in the program until high school graduation. **The program's main objectives are:** 1) to ensure successful high school graduation for its participants; 2) to assist students in applying to and enrolling in a college of their choice with the ultimate goal of college graduation.

Who is eligible for participation in the program? State guidelines stipulate that students we recruit students in **9th grade only**. Also, according to the criteria students must meet **either or both** of the following criteria 1) be **first generation to college** (neither parent nor guardian has a degree from a four-year college); or 2) the family must meet federal income guidelines and be considered **low-income**—parents/guardians' income documentation will be requested in order to complete this application. Also, students must have **academic need** as determined by report cards, test scores, etc. Eligible Hartford students are selected from the Bulkeley and Hartford Public and Windham students are selected from Windham High School.

How much does the program cost? If we put a "price tag" the program costs approximately \$5,100.00 per student, each year. Parents and guardians of admitted students do not pay to participate in the program; we receive funds from the State of Connecticut Office of Higher Education and the University of Connecticut. To stay active in the program students must attend the summer and academic year components.

What happens after students apply? We will carefully review each application, set up an interview at the student's high school, and we will let you know about your acceptance status by May or before.

What are the requirements for participation? Once admitted, students and their parents/guardians must attend an orientation at UConn. We expect students stay active in the program by attending weekly meetings and program activities, community service, maintaining a good academic standing, and following the program's rules and regulations, and completing 20 hours of community service every year.

What is the summer component? Students attend summer sessions at the University of Connecticut following their ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades in school. The summer curriculum seeks to prepare students for the academic challenges they will encounter during the forthcoming academic year. **Classes are intensive and academically rigorous, with a significant amount of homework each evening. These intensive six-week residential programs are designed to advance students' academic skill levels in literature, composition, a foreign language, science and mathematics.** Students who finish the summer component successfully earn three college credits.

What is the academic year component? The Academic Year Component seeks to provide students with academic enrichment seminars and personal development. The academic year includes the following activities:

- Parental/Guardian component
- Weekly after school meetings and monitoring
- Academic enrichment workshops
- Assistance with career, college, and financial aid process
- In-state and out-of-state college trips
- Tutoring services and academic advising
- Cultural and social activities
- Career awareness conferences/workshops

Other questions? Please feel free to call us at 1-(800) 839-6869 or you can visit us at www.cap.uconn.edu