

To: Connecticut College Education Students

From: Charles Cocores,

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Re: Background check and fingerprinting requirements by State of Connecticut

Due to a new State of Connecticut law to protect students, all "pre-service" teachers must have a background check and be fingerprinted. This is an absolute requirement for all students taking EDU courses after EDU 223. Students cannot be placed in a public school without being fingerprinted.

The turnaround time for this process is 6 weeks so it is imperative that it be done in the spring for the fall semester or students will not be able to be placed in the fall.

To make the process easier for Connecticut College EDU students, the education department will try to arrange for the finger printer from LEARN to come to Bolles House. Check with Donna Graham or Charles Cocores as this is customarily done in late April or early May to arrange for an appointment to be printed.

Appointment Necessary

The fingerprinting agency also requires that students call Barbara at 860-434-4800 ext. 156 at LEARN ahead of the date of fingerprinting to make an appointment during their visit to campus. Students will also need 2 forms of identification such as a student ID or driver's license, and at least one must be a photo ID. Payment of \$45.00 must be a money order or bank check (not a personal check or cash) payable to LEARN. Students who cannot afford the payment should inquire about financial help.

Students may also arrange to be fingerprinted through LEARN later in the spring, but this option is not preferable.

Any questions should be directed to Professor Cocores at ccoco@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2761