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Advisory

Alternate Route to Certification to Graduate 115 Teacher Candidates Most will Teach in Shortage Fields

HARTFORD, May 5 – Connecticut’s Alternate Route to Certification, the teacher preparation program for adult career-changers conducted by the Department of Higher Education, will graduate 115 teacher candidates at a ceremony this **Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.

Featured speakers are Paula Anderson of New Fairfield, a graduating ARC student; Michael P. Meotti, Commissioner of Higher Education; and Maria Davoodi, Interim ARC Director. Of the new graduates:

- 67% will be eligible to teach in subjects that are included in the 10 shortage areas designated by the Connecticut State Department of Education, including English, world languages (Arabic, Chinese, Russian, French, Italian and Spanish), science (biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics), mathematics and technology education.
- A majority will teach at the middle and high school levels.
- 46% hold graduate degrees at the masters and doctorate levels.
- The average age is 40; most are adults who previously were engineers, research professionals, business executives, medical professionals, journalists and paraprofessionals.

ARC graduates are eligible to apply for teacher certification with the Connecticut Department of Education upon hire by a public school. The average hiring rate for ARC graduates within six months of graduation is 85%; their average retention rate is 80%, on par with graduates of traditional teacher programs. Among Connecticut’s 17 teacher preparation programs, ARC is the 6th largest.

ARC was created by the Educational Enhancement Act of 1986 and has produced over 3,500 teachers since its first class graduated in 1988. Originally, ARC was established to provide a focused and time-intensive teacher preparation program for mid-career adult learners with strong content knowledge and work experience. In recent years, ARC has evolved to help address teacher shortages in specific subject areas and to provide highly qualified teachers for priority school districts.

The ARC program offers training twice a year. ARC I is offered during the summer months and offers full-time study, while ARC II is a part-time weekend program that runs from October to May. The 2009 ARC I program is scheduled to begin on June 8 and is currently full. The deadline to apply for the 2010 session will be in January. Anyone interested in applying for the next ARC II weekend session may apply until the May 15, 2009 deadline.

Information about the ARC program can be found on the Internet at www.ctdhe.org/ARC or by calling 800-842-0229 or 860-947-1300.

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2008-09 ARC II - Town Listing of Graduates

Town	Student Name	Certification Area
Amston CT	Wood, Natalie	English, 7-12
Avon CT	Clapper, Gerard	Mathematics, 7-12
Avon CT	Guidry, John	Earth Science, 7-12
Avon CT	Howard, Kimberly	English, 7-12
Avon CT	Obie, Dennis	Mathematics, 7-12
Bethel CT	Lian, Yu	World Language - Chinese, K-12
Branford CT	Diaz Faes Zuniga, Maria	World Language - Spanish, K-12
Branford CT	Gaines, Omar	English, 7-12
Bridgeport CT	Chandler, Jamison	Music, Pre-K-12
Bridgeport CT	Codrington, Jamesy	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Bridgeport CT	Crawford, Renita	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Bridgeport CT	Marte-Martin, Digna	World Language - Spanish, K-12
Bridgeport CT	Nemergut, Jessica	Art, Pre-K-12
Bridgeport CT	Wu, Bo	World Language - Chinese, K-12
Bristol CT	Dombrowski, Mary	Art, Pre-K-12
Brookfield CT	McArdle, Stefanie	Art, Pre-K-12
Brooklyn CT	Kramer, Desiree	Art, Pre-K-12
Cheshire CT	Lake-Post, Sharon	World Language - Spanish, K-12
Cheshire CT	Mayer, Bonnie	Biology, 7-12
Colchester CT	Werme, Kathryn	English, 7-12
Columbia CT	Wiggins, Joyce	Art, Pre-K-12
Coventry CT	Cassone, Susan	English, 7-12
Coventry CT	Sonstrom, Kristine	Biology, 7-12
Cromwell CT	Berean, Kevin	Technology Education
Danbury CT	Kong, Xiaoqian	World Language - Chinese, K-12
Danbury CT	Murphy, Michael	Technology Education
Durham CT	French, Julie	Art, Pre-K-12
East Haddam CT	Dedman, Margaret	English, 7-12
East Hampton CT	Adams, Sandra	Mathematics, 7-12
East Hampton CT	Bothamley, Ryan	Art, Pre-K-12
East Windsor CT	Heath, Laura	Biology, 7-12
Fairfield CT	Kempton, Lori	Family Consumer Sciences
Gales Ferry CT	Mallory, Andrew	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Glastonbury CT	Deskus, Lee	Mathematics, 7-12
Greenwich CT	Lucas, Robert	Physics, 7-12
Greenwich CT	Whisonant, Charles	Chemistry, 7-12
Groton CT	Masciarelli, Lynn	Music, Pre-K-12
Guilford CT	Afonso, Michelle	Technology Education
Haddam Neck CT	Simpson, Debra	English, 7-12
Hamden CT	Fiske, Jonathan	Art, Pre-K-12
Hamden CT	Shanley, Kathryn	Mathematics, 7-12
Hartford CT	Mirto, Tina	Art, Pre-K-12
Litchfield CT	Terhaar, Thomas	Physics, 7-12
Lyme CT	Zumbaum, Manon	World Language - French, K-12
Madison CT	McGinley, Rina	World Language - Spanish, K-12
Manchester CT	Blanchard, Sarah	Music, Pre-K-12
Manchester CT	Ziruk, J. Adam	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades

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Meriden CT	Halla, Max	Earth Science, 7-12
Meriden CT	Sweigard, Timothy	Biology, 7-12
Meriden CT	Vumbaca, Frank	Biology, 7-12
Middletown CT	Goins, Katherine	Music, Pre-K-12
Middletown CT	Gordon, Patricia	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Monroe CT	Gutelius, Tracey	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Moosup CT	Anderson, Eric	Art, Pre-K-12
New Fairfield CT	Anderson, Paula	Art, Pre-K-12
New Haven CT	Barnes, Jeremy	Music, Pre-K-12
New Haven CT	Lee, Ying	World Language - Chinese, K-12
New Haven CT	Luke, Margaret	English, 7-12
New Haven CT	Postovoit, Katherine	Music, Pre-K-12
New Milford CT	Clark, Stephen	English, 7-12
New Milford CT	Edel, Heidi	World Language - French, K-12
New Milford CT	Keeney, Kristin	English, 7-12
New Milford CT	Schlyer, Bruce	Chemistry, 7-12
Newington CT	Farley, Susanne	Family Consumer Sciences
Newington CT	Tirabassi, Teresa	World Language - Italian, K-12
Niantic CT	Adams, Kaely	Music, Pre-K-12
Niantic CT	Dobo, Kevin	Mathematics, 7-12
Niantic CT	Hartman Brodeur, Julie	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
North Branford CT	DiFabbio, Ronald	Mathematics, 7-12
North Haven CT	Martin, James	Music, Pre-K-12
Norwalk CT	Boeth, Catherine	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Norwalk CT	Conley, Susan	Family Consumer Sciences
Norwalk CT	Saginario, Kimberly	Art, Pre-K-12
Old Greenwich CT	King, Edith	Technology Education
Portland CT	Schneider, Denise	Mathematics, 7-12
Quaker Hill CT	Milukas, Celeste	Music, Pre-K-12
Redding CT	Wrenn, Patricia	Biology, 7-12
Riverside CT	Wishnick, Robert	Mathematics, 7-12
Rocky Hill CT	Valle, Orlando	Biology, 7-12
Sandy Hook CT	Grace-Farfaglia, Patricia	Family Consumer Sciences
Sandy Hook CT	Lovett, Nora	English, 7-12
South Glastonbury CT	Fischer, Stephanie	World Language - Russian, K-12
South Windsor CT	Bajorek, Debra	General Science, 7-12
South Windsor CT	Cone, Michael	English, 7-12
South Windsor CT	Grothe, Marcia	Family Consumer Sciences
Southbury CT	Capponi, Nancy	Family Consumer Sciences
Stamford CT	Chadli-Thomas, Samah	World Language - French, K-12
Stratford CT	Muniz, Lynn	Art, Pre-K-12
Stratford CT	Phillips, Jr., Robert	English, 7-12
Suffield CT	Packard, Marisa	World Language - Spanish, K-12
Tolland CT	DeMartino, Laura	Family Consumer Sciences
Tolland CT	Marti, Denise	Family Consumer Sciences
Torrington CT	Rubenzahl, Jennifer	Art, Pre-K-12
Trumbull CT	Filmer, Emery	English, 7-12

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Trumbull CT	Oricchio, Renee	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Trumbull CT	Ormond, Tracey	Technology Education
Unionville CT	Nearing, Julie	Art, Pre-K-12
Watertown CT	Aird, Hugh	Biology, 7-12
West Hartford CT	Adelstein, Roxanne	Technology Education
West Hartford CT	Bao, Lu	World Language - Chinese, K-12
West Hartford CT	Coleman, Joan	Mathematics, 7-12
West Hartford CT	Duenas, Richard	Biology, 7-12
West Hartford CT	Hertz, Joseph	Biology, 7-12
West Hartford CT	Levesque, Kristen	Mathematics, 7-12
West Hartford CT	Steele, Cecily	Art, Pre-K-12
West Simsbury CT	Winslow, Susan	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Westbrook CT	LaBrec, Linda	Family Consumer Sciences
Westport CT	Pensak, Eve	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Wethersfield CT	Brown, Adrienne	Art, Pre-K-12
Wethersfield CT	Duggan, Julie	Music, Pre-K-12
Wilton CT	Hernandez, Veronica	World Language - Spanish, K-12
Woodbridge CT	Xia, Feng	World Language - Chinese, K-12
Woodstock CT	Kasperson, Kyra	History/Social Studies, Middle Grades
Westfield MA	Onofrey, Jr., Richard	Physics, 7-12
White Plains NY	Robles, Michael	World Language - Spanish, K-12

Total Graduates Town Listing records: 115