

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
New Haven, Connecticut

EDU 999 - DSAP SUPERVISION AND APPRAISAL

Southern Connecticut State University recognizes the serious problem created by the shortage of teachers and that Superintendents and Boards of Education must, at times, employ persons who do not meet the state teacher certification requirements. At the same time, however, SCSU does not advocate the employment of persons who are unqualified. In support of the Superintendents and to assist applicants to qualify for a DSAP, SCSU has reinstated the course entitled "Supervision and Appraisal on DSAP". This course provides the means whereby a person employed full-time as a classroom teacher, and who is enrolled in a planned program to meet Connecticut certification regulations, may receive credit to fulfill the student teaching requirement. Successful completion of DSAP Supervision will award six (6) graduate credits. The Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Certification and Professional Development, will recognize this as fulfilling six of the required hours in Professional Education for the Initial Educator Certificate.

Waiving the student teaching requirement based on one year of full-time successful teaching experience does not excuse the University, in its recommendation of the applicant for certification, from its assuring that the candidate has achieved a level of teaching ability and competence equivalent to that which would be gained through a regular student teaching experience under an able BEST trained cooperating teacher. For the University to certify that the applicant has reached a satisfactory level of performance, University Supervisors must visit the teacher in his/her classroom and the **mentor teacher** must make an evaluation of his/her effectiveness. This observation is the basis of the "Supervision and Appraisal under a DSAP" course (EDU 999). The University will offer this course to teachers whose administrators and personnel will cooperate in order to achieve desirable outcomes -- the preparation of competent teachers. The University and the school system must work together in this common and important cause.

The Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Certification and Professional Development has informed us that a candidate who serves under a DSAP and has his/her student teaching requirement waived, must serve under a certificate in Connecticut for a minimum of 3 years. This alternate route to student teaching is not recognized by other states. If a candidate serves under a DSAP for 10 months, gets his/her Initial Educator certificate and then plans to move to another state to become certified, he/she will have a problem becoming certified in the other state.

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PROCEDURE FOR WAIVING STUDENT TEACHING
UNDER A
DURATIONAL SHORTAGE AREA PERMIT

1. Submit a signed application form entitled Supervision & Appraisal under a DSAP. The applicant must have all appropriate signatures and verify that all conditions have been met to be accepted into the School of Education.
2. Receive acceptance into a certification program by the **Dean of Graduate Studies**, as demonstrated by an approved plan of study signed by the Dean of Graduate Studies.
3. Submit the form to the Director of Student Teaching.
4. Register for EDU 999, Supervision & Appraisal under a DSAP and any other required seminars as designated by the Director of Student Teaching or the Dean of the School of Education. Registration can be either the Fall or Spring semester (as designated by Director of Student Teaching)
5. Show proof of registration and payment (when payment is required by University) for the course(s) and other applicable registration fees to Southern Connecticut State University.
6. Have the Director of Student Teaching sign off on the DSAP.
7. The student will attend course seminars that are required by the Department of his/her major. (Normally listed on the planned program)
8. If at any time the DSAP holder fails to fulfill programmatic coursework or supervision requirements, the Director of Student Teaching or the Dean of the School of Education will inform the State Bureau of Certification. If necessary the candidate will be dropped from the program and the DSAP will be voided by the Certification Bureau.
9. At the end of the full-time teaching experience, the student must have a "Statement of Professional Experience" form (ED 126) completed. This must be submitted to the department of the student's major along with proof of passing the Praxis II or ACTFL Exam. The Department Chair may make a recommendation to the Dean of the School of Education that Student Teaching can be waived based upon this experience and supervision. The Dean will review the information and notify the student if student teaching is waived.
10. Once the student has completed all course requirements and testing needed for certification, the student must file an application for initial certification (ED 170A) in the Student Teaching Office.
11. **Please be advised that this process may take some time. This depends on the status of the candidate's program and course credits completed.**

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