Connecticut Community Colleges

Academic Competitiveness Grant Program/Certification of Completion of a Rigorous Secondary School Program of Study

Student Name: _____________________________________
Banner ID: @____________________________________ (update ROAHSDT!)

Directions: Check each circle as applicable. The College’s Rigorous Program Certification Official must sign this form and attach material documenting the student’s completion of the appropriate program(s). This form & documentation must be maintained in the student’s academic folder at the college.

○ **Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.**
  A student may demonstrate that he or she has taken two AP or IB courses and received passing scores on the AP (3 or better) or IB (4 or better) tests.

○ **A set of courses similar to those required under the State Scholars Initiative.**
  A student may demonstrate that he or she has completed a set of courses which includes four years of English; three years of Mathematics – including algebra 1 and a higher level class such as algebra II, geometry or data analysis and statistics; three years of science – including one year each of at least two of the following courses (biology, chemistry, physics); three years of social studies, and one year of a language other than English.

○ **The State Scholars Initiative requirements.**
  A student may complete the courses required under the State Scholars Initiative (4 years English; 3 years Mathematics – algebra 1, geometry and algebra 2; 3 years Science – biology, chemistry, physics; 3.5 years Social Studies – chosen from U.S. history (1), world history (1), world geography (1), economics (0.5) or government (0.5); and 2 years World Language (same language). (CT6001)

○ **For Connecticut Technical High School Graduates**
  A specific set of courses “similar to those required under the State Scholars Initiative” **AND** achievement of standard on the corresponding National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) trade certification. (replaces the 1 year foreign language requirement). (CT0001)

○ **Dual-Enrollment Program Participants**
  There are three major programs providing dual enrollment currently in the state: Early College Experience (UCONN program), High School Partnership, and Tech Prep. Students must have completed a minimum of two courses in the “core curriculum” and receive a grade of 3.0 or better in each course. “Core curriculum” for our purposes means general education courses, e.g. English, Mathematics, Reading/Language Arts, Sciences, Foreign Languages, the Arts, History, Geography, Civics and Government, Economics. (CT0002)

○ **Students who are graduates of high schools in other states may meet the “rigorous secondary school program of study” for the respective state as determined by the Secretary of Education.**

College: ____________________________   Date: ________________________
Official Name & Title: ____________________________________________________
Official’s Signature:     ____________________________________________________