

The CT State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education and The University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

CONNECTICUT ASPIRING LEADERS ACADEMY 2025-2026

This academy is designed to support the preparation and development of future local leaders in special education. It aims to equip educators interested in leadership roles within special education through a competency-based program aligned with national standards. The program features presentations from state and national experts, professional learning activities, and a final capstone project.

Participants will also benefit from expert and peer mentoring.

There is no cost to join this academy.

An informational Zoom meeting will take place on March 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm to discuss the academy's schedule, important dates, and application requirements.

The application will be available after this information session.

Please click below to register (after registering, you will receive a zoom link).

[Information Session Registration](#)



Selected participants must attend an in-person orientation at the Avon Old Farms Hotel from July 14-15, 2025, which includes an overnight stay. Following the orientation, sessions will consist of a mix of in-person Saturday meetings and Zoom sessions during the week, along with asynchronous online activities that require up to 15 hours of engagement.

The sessions will commence on September 27, 2025, and conclude on June 6, 2026.

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