UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS

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Online applications are welcome
www.castleton.edu/admissions

Castleton is a member of the Common Application
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
We require that candidates include the following college preparatory courses in their high school programs:
• 4 years of English
• 3 years of math
• 3-4 years of social science
• 2-3 years of laboratory science
• 2 years of a foreign language (recommended)
We urge all applicants to visit the campus. Applicants who do not meet the normal admissions requirements may be admitted on a conditional status. Interviews are not required but may provide the Admissions Committee with essential information in some circumstances. Candidates are notified of admissions decision as soon as their file folders are complete. (Refer to applicant checklist.)

TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING APPLICANTS
All first-year candidates for admission to nursing are required to take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). Testing is also required of transfer applicants with less than 18 college credits. Applicants who have been out of high school for more than three years are not required to submit either the SAT or ACT; however, a personal interview may be required. The College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Code for Castleton University is 3765. TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE is required if English is not your first language. This can be taken in lieu of SAT/ACT.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Applications are accepted for either the fall or spring semester. Castleton’s policy of “rolling admissions” means that we process applications throughout the year until we determine that we have filled our class for each semester. We reserve the right to close admission once the class is filled.

Please note: Federal financial aid priority deadline is April 1. Visit www.castleton.edu/financialaid for information. Our federal school code number is 003683.

ADMISSION DEPOSIT
To reserve your place, accepted students must remit a non-refundable deposit of $200 on or before May 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the spring semester. After these dates, deposits will be accepted on a space-available basis. The deposit is credited toward the first semester’s bill.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
First-year students who score 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Examination will be considered for advanced placement credit. International Baccalaureate credits may be considered for college credit on a course by course basis for higher level exams completed with a 5 or better.

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM
Castleton will consider granting academic credit for each area of the General Exam or Subject Exams for which a score of 50 or higher is earned.

FIRST YEAR APPLICANT CHECKLIST
If you have not attended college previously, please submit:
____ Completed application (please print clearly).
____ Essay (refer to page 4)
____ $40 application fee made payable to Castleton University
____ Official high school transcript, or official scores from a high school equivalency exam (G.E.D.)
____ Senior year first marking period grades
____ SAT or ACT results required of nursing applicants
____ Current letter of recommendation

TRANSFER APPLICANT CHECKLIST
If you have previously enrolled in college-level course work after high school graduation, please submit:
____ Completed application (please print clearly)
____ Essay (refer to page 4)
____ $40 application fee made payable to Castleton University*
____ Official transcript(s) from all colleges attended
____ An official high school transcript and SAT or ACT scores, if you have earned 18 or less college credits and are applying for nursing
____ Current letter of recommendation

A minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale is required in order to be considered for admission. Credit may be considered for transfer for courses completed with a grade of “C-” or better at other accredited institutions if they fulfill Castleton requirements.

Please see the academic catalog transfer credit policies.

*Students transferring from other Vermont State Colleges (Community College of Vermont, Northern Vermont University, Vermont Technical College) are waived from the application fee.

NON-TRADITIONAL/ADULT APPLICANT CHECKLIST
If you have been away from formal education three or more years and have never attended any college, please complete the following:
____ Completed application (please print clearly)
____ Essay (refer to page 4)
____ $40 application fee made payable to Castleton University
____ Official high school transcript, or official scores from a high school equivalency exam (G.E.D.)
____ Current letter of recommendation from employer or person who is familiar with your motivation and work habits
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Preferred title: Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ If you have academic records under another name, please indicate ____________________________

Legal name _____________________________________________________________

Permanent address _____________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State/Province ____________________________ Zip code _______________ Country ______________________

Mailing address (if different from above) ______________________________________

City ____________________________ State/Province ____________________________ Zip code _______________ Country ______________________

Social security number (U.S.) _______________________________ Date of birth ______/______/______

Sex assigned at birth: Male _____ Female _____  I identify as __________________________ State of legal residence _________________________

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes _____ No _____ (If no, country of citizenship) _________________________ Country of birth ______________________

Are you a resident alien?  Yes _____ No _____ Primary language spoken at home, other than English _______________________

Phone (home) ________________________________ Phone (work) ________________________________ (Mobile) ____________________________

Applicant email __________________________________________________________

May we text you? Yes _____ No _____

A Note on the Collection of Racial and Ethnic Information: Colleges and Universities are asked by many, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers, and our own college community, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond accurately to these requests, we ask that you provide us with the following information. Please answer both questions:

1) Are you Hispanic/Latino?  Yes _____ No _____

2) Select one or more from the following to describe your racial background: American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Asian _____ Black or African American _____ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander _____ White _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION: I plan to attend: Fall 20 _____ (classes start August 2021) Spring 20 _____ (classes start January 2021)

Degree Programs: Please indicate from this list the program which is your first choice. This is not a declaration of major; it is for our planning purposes only.

Note: For education licensure (teaching) applicants, a Liberal Arts or Science major must be selected in addition to the education licensure program.

BACHELOR DEGREES

____ Accounting
____ Archaeology, Geography & Applied Anthropology
____ Art - Art Education
____ Art - Art History
____ Art - Photography
____ Art - Studio Art
____ Athletic Training (MAT, Pre-AT/B.S. Kinesiology)
____ Biology
____ Biology - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
____ Biology - Molecular Biology and Biomedicine
____ Chemistry
____ Computer Information Systems - Business
____ Criminal Justice
____ Ecological Studies
____ Education - Early Childhood and Special Education
____ Education - Elementary
____ Education - Secondary
____ English
____ Environmental Science
____ Exercise and Sports Science
____ Forensic Psychology
____ Global Studies
____ Graphic Design
____ Health Promotion
____ Health Promotion - Community Health
____ Health Promotion - School Health
____ Health Science
____ History
____ Kinesiology
____ Management
____ Marketing
____ Mathematics
____ Mathematics - Elementary Education
____ Mathematics - Secondary Education
____ Mathematics - Statistics
____ Media and Communication - Digital Media
____ Media and Communication - Journalism
____ Media and Communication - Media Studies
____ Media and Communication - Public Relations
____ Media and Communication - Video/Film Production
____ Multidisciplinary Studies
____ Music - General
____ Music - General Studies
____ Music - Musical Theater
____ Music - Performance (audition required)
____ Music Education (audition required)
____ Nursing (Fall start term only)
____ Physical Education - Elementary/Secondary Education
____ Physical Education - Health and Physical Activity Promotion
____ Political Science
____ Psychological Science
____ Resort and Hospitality Management (at Killington)
____ Social Studies
____ Social Work
____ Sociology
____ Sociology - Criminology
____ Sociology - Cultural Anthropology
____ Sport Management
____ Theater Arts
____ Theater Arts - Acting and Directing
____ Theater Arts - Technical Theater and Design
____ Theater Arts - Theater Studies
____ Undecided major
____ Wildlife & Forest Conservation

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

____ Business
____ Criminal Justice
____ General Studies
____ Media and Communication

EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS

Students must complete one of the education programs offered by the college as well as one of the liberal arts and science majors approved for that program.

____ Early Childhood and Special Education
____ Elementary Education (Art: Art Education (K-12), Health Promotion: School Health, Elementary Education / Mathematics, Multidisciplinary Studies, Music Education (audition required), Physical Education: Elementary/Secondary Education)
Application type: 
   First year (first time attending post-secondary institution) 
   Transfer (have post-secondary college credits/coursework) 
   Re-admission (have previously attended Castleton) 
   Transfer (most recent college within the VSC) 
   Early College Program (High school senior year for Vermont residents, supplement required)

I plan to attend:
   Full-time 
   Part-time 
   Will you be applying for financial aid? Yes ______ No ______

Will you be receiving veteran’s benefits? Yes ______ No ______ United States Armed Forces Status ____________________________

Anticipated status at the time you enroll ______________________ Branch ______________________

If you are a Vermont resident, have you maintained legal residence in Vermont for the last 12 months? Yes ______ No ______

How did you learn about Castleton University?
   Admissions rep. _____
   Alumnus/alumna _____
   Castleton student _____
   Coach _____
   College fair _____
   Employer _____
   Family member _____
   Guidance counselor _____
   Newspaper _____
   Other _____
   Publication _____
   Teacher _____
   TV/radio _____
   Website _____

Please identify by name ____________________________ Have you visited Castleton? Yes ______ No ______

Names of relatives who have or are currently attending Castleton University ______________________________________________________________

Other colleges to which you plan on applying __________________________________________________________________________________________

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

List all high schools attended with most current institution first.

Name of high school
   Address (city, state, zip)
   High School CEEB #
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Did you or will you graduate from high school? Yes ______ No ______ If yes, date of graduation ______/______/______

If not, do you hold a high school equivalency (GED)? Yes ______ No ______ If yes, date of completion ______/______/______

School counselor’s name __________________________________________ Telephone (include extension) _______________________________

List any high school academic credentials (honors, principal’s list, etc) and year(s) awarded ________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Have you taken:
   ACT Date taken ______/______/______ or date scheduled ______/______/______
   SAT Date taken ______/______/______ or date scheduled ______/______/______
   English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS or PTE) Date taken ______/______/______ Date taken ______/______/______ or date scheduled ______/______/______

List all colleges attended with most recent institution first.

Name of college
   City and state
   Dates of attendance
   Credits earned
   Degree earned
   Cumulative GPA
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

List all college courses currently in progress (including high school dual enrollment) __________________________________________________________________________________________

List any college academic credentials (honors, dean’s list, etc) and year(s) awarded __________________________________________________________________________________________

EXTRA CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

We encourage you to submit a resume. Please list extra curricular, community service, and/or volunteer activities in which you’ve been involved.
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Are you interested in participating in varsity sports at Castleton? Yes ______ No ______ If yes, please indicate below.

WOMENS:
   Alpine Skiing
   Basketball
   Cross Country
   Field Hockey
   Ice Hockey
   Lacrosse
   Nordic Skiing
   Rugby
   Soccer
   Softball
   Tennis
   Track and Field
   Volleyball

MENS:
   Alpine Skiing
   Baseball
   Basketball
   Cross Country
   Football
   Golf
   Ice Hockey
   Lacrosse
   Nordic Skiing
   Soccer
   Tennis
   Track and Field
   Wrestling
DISCIPLINARY/CRIMINAL INFORMATION

1) Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action or do you currently have disciplinary charges pending by any educational institution due to academic (such as, but not limited to, cheating or plagiarism) or behavior misconduct (such as, but not limited to, violence, drug use or sexual harassment/assault)? Yes _____ No _____

2) Have you ever been convicted of, or charged with, a criminal offense or are you currently the subject of any criminal proceeding? If yes, please provide an explanation including the approximate date of each incident, explain the circumstances, and reflect on what you learned from the experience. Your application may not move forward without such written explanation. Your “yes” answer to one or more of the above questions will not necessarily preclude you from being admitted; however, your failure to provide complete, accurate and truthful information may be grounds to deny or withdraw your admission, or subject you to disciplinary sanctions after enrollment. Yes _____ No _____

You must notify the Admissions Office promptly if your “no” answer to one or more of the above questions ceases to be accurate after you submit this application. Your failure to do so may be grounds to deny or withdraw your admission, or subject you to disciplinary sanctions after enrollment.

WORK HISTORY

List your recent employment history. (Employer, position, city/state, dates started/completed)
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father/parent ________________________________________________  Mother/parent _________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________  Address (if same write “same”) ____________________________________________

Date of birth _______________________________________________  Date of birth __________________________________________________________

Telephone number __________________________________________  Telephone number ______________________________________________________

If approved to contact: Father/parent email ___________________________.  If approved to contact: Mother/parent email _________________________

Profession/occupation _______________________________________  Profession/occupation ___________________________________________________

Father/parent employer ______________________________________  Mother/parent employer ________________________________________________

The following questions are asked to determine whether or not you are a first generation college student. This information is not considered during the admissions process.

What is your first parent’s highest level of education?

_____ Did not complete high school
_____ High School diploma or GED
_____ Some college
_____ Associate’s degree
_____ Bachelor’s degree
_____ Graduate degree
_____ Other

Name of college attended and degree, if applicable
______________________________________________________________

Did you live with both parents until you were 18? Yes _____ No _____ If you did not live with both parents, with which parent did you live?

Father _____  Mother _____  Split time equally between both _____  Neither _____

What is your second parent’s highest level of education?

_____ Did not complete high school
_____ High School diploma or GED
_____ Some college
_____ Associate’s degree
_____ Bachelor’s degree
_____ Graduate degree
_____ Other

Name of college attended and degree, if applicable
______________________________________________________________

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Father _____  Mother _____  Split time equally between both _____  Neither _____

HOUSING

It is a condition of admission that all new students who do not commute from home must live in the residence halls and participate in a university meal plan as first and second-year students. Please check one:

_____ I will be living on campus
_____ I will be commuting from my parents’ home/my home
_____ If I can receive permission to do so, I would like to live off campus. Enclosed is a letter requesting permission and detailing my reasons.
ESSAY QUESTION

The essay must be at least 250 words. It is an important part of your application to Castleton and helps us to evaluate your motivation and potential for university-level work beyond grades and standardized tests. Please type on a separate sheet of paper and be sure to include your full name and date of birth.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS
We encourage you to submit an essay on the topic of your choice. You are welcome to use the following suggestions:

- Discuss your motivation for pursuing university-level study, addressing your personal interests and career goals.
- Describe an independent study, community service project, internship, or senior project that you have completed or are pursuing during your high school career that involves at least a semester's worth of work. In addition to describing your topic, explain the process your work follows, what you found most challenging, and if you hope to pursue any aspects of this project at the college level. Feel free to attach an official summary or proposal of your project.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Explain your learning experiences at your current or last college or university. Explain how Castleton fits into your academic and future goals.

NON-TRADITIONAL/ADULT STUDENTS
Discuss your personal and professional achievements, current academic needs, and future goals.

NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Every member of Castleton University should work to ensure non-discriminatory processes and practices with faculty, staff, and students.

Qualified students are recruited for, admitted to, and participate in all college programs without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability. The college will provide reasonable accommodations to create equal opportunity for students with known disabilities.

Faculty, administrators, and staff are employed without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job requirements. The college will make reasonable accommodations to the known disability of an otherwise qualified applicant or employee. Additionally, the college will engage in affirmative efforts to recruit, admit, and support students, and to recruit, employ, and support employees, in order to achieve the diversity which advances the educational mission.

Castleton University complies with State and Federal Laws related to equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Any questions or complaints about potential or perceived discrimination in violation of any State or Federal Law should be directed to Janet Hazelton, Equal Opportunity Officer, Campus Center, (802) 468-1208; or the Vermont State Colleges Office of the Chancellor in Montpelier; or the Vermont Office of the Attorney General; or the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission in Washington, D.C.

Please contact Janet Hazelton, Equal Opportunity Officer, if auxiliary aid or service is needed to apply for admission or employment.

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW/CAMPUS CRIME

The United States Department of Education requires colleges and universities to make available annual statistics on our student's continuation and graduation rates. Contact the Admissions or Communications offices for this information. Additionally, Castleton’s annual security report provides information about the operation of the University’s Public Safety Department; university safety and security, alcohol and drug, and sexual assault policies; and campus crime statistics for a variety of crimes including murder, manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, along with information regarding on-campus alcohol, drug, and weapons violations. The report is available on the university’s web site.

ETHNICITY

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment. Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
I HEREBY DECLARE

I understand that, if admitted, I will be required to submit a completed health form including a record of immunizations as required by Vermont State Statute, in order to register for classes.

I understand that Castleton University may wish to provide public notice of certain student accomplishments and/or to use photographs of students for publication in various types of university promotional media. I do hereby give my permission to Castleton University to provide public notice of my accomplishments as it may feel appropriate, and/or to use my photograph, without compensation, in published promotional material.

If you do not grant permission, please attach a signed letter requesting us to withhold public use of name and photo. Not attaching a note signifies acceptance.

Credits earned at the Vermont State Colleges are transferable to other colleges or universities only at the discretion of the receiving institution.

The Vermont State College System maintains a single student information system. Information and documentation provided by an applicant or a student, including high school and college transcripts, may be shared with any of the Vermont State Colleges to which an applicant or student applies or otherwise directs the information to be sent, or as may otherwise be permitted by law. In consideration of the undertaking by the Admissions Office to process this form, the undersigned agree that the information furnished on this application for admission form, together with all information and materials of any kind received by the Admissions Office from any source, or prepared by anyone at its request, shall be completely confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided by PL 93-380 “Family Rights and Privacy Act.”

The documentation and application will be evaluated by the Admissions Office(s) in receipt of the application(s). If you are a student at one Vermont State College (Community College of Vermont, Castleton University, Johnson State College, Lyndon State College, Vermont Technical College) and are applying at another VSC college, your official transcript will be reviewed electronically by the Admissions Office at the VSC college to which you are applying. I understand that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to or continuation at a Vermont State Colleges institution. I certify that the above statements are correct and complete.

The information submitted on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to or continuation in Castleton University. With this in mind, I certify that the above statements are correct and complete.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________________________________________________________________     Date _____________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age)  ____________________________________________ Date _____________________

Please enclose a $40 application fee, payable by check or money order to Castleton University.