



MITCHELL  
COLLEGE

# WHO DO **YOU** KNOW WHO NEEDS MITCHELL?



OVERVIEW OF THE COLLEGE  
*for* EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

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# Who is the **MITCHELL** student?

CELEBRATING & DEVELOPING  
**THE POWER  
OF  
UNIQUE  
MINDS**

The student looking for a small school finds big opportunities to connect to real-world experiences at Mitchell. They've shown commitment in high school and really shine when faculty are personally invested in their success. The students Mitchell College serves best – who derive the most benefit and often realize the most profound transformations in a small college experience – are those who may be flying under the radar now, full of untapped potential. These are students who want the space, time and guidance to explore what is compelling to them, who may have a learning difference or learning style that doesn't always "fit" traditional education models, or who are just now coming into their own.

## WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM A COLLEGE THAT:

- » cultivates a diverse community of thinkers and learners
- » engages students' interests and strengths
- » offers personalized attention and teaches to individual learning styles
- » connects students with intentional opportunities to stretch and excel
- » offers pacing that flexes to each student's needs and goals

A SMALL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE, Mitchell developed its distinct educational approach over 80 years, blending a tradition of mentoring with an expertise in teaching diverse learning styles to create a highly individualized model that benefits all students. Mitchell is committed to the broader community through building strong, creative and cooperative partnerships. Located on a beautiful waterfront campus in historic New London, CT, the College is home to championship NCAA Division III athletics and proudly offers a comprehensive suite of academic and social support programs including the much sought-after Thames at Mitchell College, the renowned Bentsen Learning Center and our new Mystic Program for first-year students.

## TEACHING ADAPTABILITY

The jobs of the future have yet to be created. Through the **Mitchell Ability Model** students learn the ability to be flexible, capable and adaptable in the face of rapid change. Students tailor their education to their strengths, interests and academic goals and learn 7 essential abilities they will need to live and work to their potential:

1) Critical & Creative Thinking; 2) Communication; 3) Diversity & Global Perspectives; 4) Information and Communication Technology Literacy; 5) Analysis & Problem Solving; 6) Values, Ethics & Social Responsibility; and 7) Social Interaction.

Students then learn core information about a field of endeavor—*Human Services, Leadership and Business Management, Sciences, or Teaching and Learning*—with room to add concentrations and explore other interests while building skills through courses and work experience from their first semester on campus.



## INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION

Engaged with professors and staff in strong mentoring relationships, students benefit from:

- An advisor who is with them from enrollment to graduation and helps them get the most out of their college experience by navigating academic plans and connecting them to co-curricular activities
- Individual academic tutoring and coaching to support and challenge, designed to enhance students' abilities in strength areas or address needs in a targeted approach
- Over 37 years of expertise in teaching students social and academic success strategies

## BUILDING A FOUNDATION

First Year Experience helps optimize a new Mitchell student's college experience, easing transitions and setting the foundation for academic success and life beyond college. An insightful and nurturing team of faculty, staff and students work together to get to know new students and help them uncover talents and interests. First year students connect to each other and peer mentors, explore the world through our Common Read, engage in leadership opportunities, and gain a deep understanding of themselves and the academic resources available to them throughout their four years at Mitchell.

## EMBRACING DIVERSE THINKERS

The College sees the intrinsic value of having a diverse community not only in differing backgrounds, but in different ways of thinking, and understands that this prepares our students to thrive in the world. Estimates suggest 20% of people have learning differences, including perhaps 33% of entrepreneurs. Living and learning alongside students from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and learning styles—a mirror of the work environment—gives all of our students a collaborative edge and skill in drawing on each person's unique talents.

**35%**  
of our students  
access one of our  
Living & Learning  
Support programs

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY

The College's **comprehensive suite of academic and social support programs** offers fee-based, customized levels of support for each student's unique needs.

**Thames at Mitchell College:** Designed for students with learning differences, Thames offers students an on-ramp to college, a supportive living and learning community *and* a diverse and welcoming college community. Thames students live in campus residence halls as a cohort, with full access to Mitchell College's social activities, clubs, intramurals, performing arts programs, and events. Each student's individual goals, strengths, challenges and learning style are fully assessed, allowing us to build a personal roadmap for learning. And Thames students can qualify to take Mitchell College courses - up to 15 hours of credit over two semesters. Thames is a strong springboard to a successful Mitchell College career.

**Bentsen Learning Center:** Mitchell College was one of the first colleges to develop a specialized center for students with learning differences (1981), which embraces a strength-based approach and prepares these students with life-long strategies for succeeding – in college, career and beyond. The Bentsen Learning Center earns acclaim from parents and students, and it is routinely ranked among the best LD college programs in the country.

**The Mystic Program:** Our newest support program, Mystic offers full-time, first-year Mitchell students highly intentional residential and social support to help them navigate the challenges of living on their own, adjust to residential life, and maximize opportunities for full involvement within the Mitchell community. Mystic students may also choose to access the Bentsen Learning Center for supplemental academic support.





## INTEGRATIVE CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Building on our historically close bond with New London and southeastern Connecticut, the College has established community partnerships in a four-year professional sequence guided by faculty and staff. Unique in its tiered approach, students begin their career exploration in the **first year** with behind-the-scenes visits to partner sites. In the **second year**, students continue building career and soft skills through the Mitchell Ability Model, and develop a strong understanding of their career path through job shadows and additional exposure to area businesses and organizations. This early exploration allows students to understand their career path before they have completed most of their coursework in that major. In their **third and fourth years** students engage in on-campus career labs and traditional internships as well as projects, volunteering, and enrichment activities or specialized courses in a high interest area. Working closely with our community partners over years, students build organic networks and make connections that create pathways to future employment opportunities.



## CORES & CONCENTRATIONS

Mitchell's innovative academic model offers CORE degrees, concentrations, and professional experiences in:

### Human Services Core

Behavioral Sciences/Psychology  
Criminal Process  
Human Development & Family Studies

### Leadership & Business Management Core

Communication  
(Graphic Design/Video Production, Performance & Technology)  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Sport Management

### Sciences Core

Environmental Science  
Health Science  
Marine Biology

### Teaching & Learning Core

Early Childhood Studies  
(with optional Teacher Certification)  
Liberal & Professional Studies  
Physical Education & Sport Fitness

## ATHLETICS



At Mitchell College, around 30% of our students participate in Division III varsity athletics. Mitchell athletes consistently vie for NCAA regional tournament play and we are proud of our 16 NECC Championships. Mitchell enjoys a close community of coaches and athletes, and offers 12 varsity teams: baseball (M), basketball (M,W), cross country (M,W), golf (M), lacrosse (M,W), soccer (M,W), softball (W), and volleyball (W). A diverse roster of club and intramural sports rounds out our athletic offering.



## PERFORMING ARTS

Mitchell students often have their first theater or choral experience at the College – finding their voice and a stage on which to shine. Open auditions for two annual theater productions by the **Mitchell College Players**, plus the **Mitchell Cabaret** and the **Mitchell College Select Chorus** open the door. Opportunities also exist to create magic backstage. Our resident theater company, **Flock Theatre**, offers additional opportunities through internships, guest lectures and classes taught by working professionals in acting, stagecraft, play production, performing Shakespeare, and more.



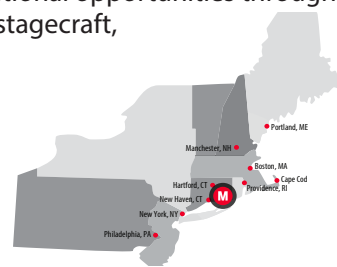
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