Top 3 Things Prospective Students (and Their Families) Should Know About Your College:

1. All of our Teacher Education programs, our Social Work program, and our Counseling (only graduate students) are nationally accredited. We house the ONLY nationally accredited Teacher Education programs in Vermont.
2. Our Special Education minor can lead to dual-endorsement for Teacher Education majors. We house three minors open to ALL UVM students: 1) Special Education, 2) Human Development and Family Studies and 3) Coaching.
3. Vermont participates in the Interstate Reciprocity Agreement for teaching licenses along with 45 states, DC, Guam and Puerto Rico. The states that do not participate are South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

What Is New For The Coming Year?
CESS is excited to have an approved English Language Learners (ELL) alignment with the Vermont Agency of Education. Students in Teacher Educations programs are eligible for an additional endorsement with successful completion of the courses. And we foresee an ELL minor open to all UVM students in the future.

Experiential Learning Opportunities:
- CESS students learn from real-world experiences working alongside mentors in schools and community organizations. Our students are in the field early and often throughout their time in CESS. Students have the opportunity to both conduct original research and work collaboratively with faculty.
- During the 2014-2015 academic year, CESS students spent nearly 200,000 hours in the field, contributing to the state through internship experiences in education, counseling, social work and social services agencies.
- CESS students also enjoy many opportunities to study abroad not only through the UVM Office of International Education, but also with CESS’ world-renowned faculty. We have partnerships in China, Japan, Thailand, Italy, Sweden, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia and India.

What Makes Your Program Unique Compared To Peer Institutions?
- The College of Education and Social Services at UVM houses nationally and regionally accredited undergraduate programs in Teacher Education, Social Work and Counseling.
- We are the ONLY Teacher Education programs in Vermont with national accreditation.
• Those who graduate from our Social Work baccalaureate program receive advanced standing in Master of Social Work programs, thus in most cases reducing the Master degree program time by one year.
• Our Teacher Education students can receive dual-endorsement in Special Education. They can also receive an endorsement in English Language Learning.
• Our students (in all 10 undergraduate programs) have field/clinical experiences as early as their sophomore year.
• All of our Teacher Education students have majors/major concentrations in a liberal art and science. Teacher Education students do not need to double major/dual degree in order to gain teaching endorsements. For example, a person who wants to teach High School Math can major in Secondary Education-Mathematics and be endorsed to teach mathematics. The person does not need an additional degree in Mathematics. They take 33+ credits of Mathematics as a Secondary Education-Mathematics major.

What is your college doing to further the first year experience for new students?
• Each FTFY is assigned a faculty advisor in their declared majors. Our undeclared FTFYs are advised by someone in the CESS Student Services Office.
• Shortly after the start of the Fall semester, we offer a First-Year meeting to reengage with students after having been on campus a few weeks. The agenda includes: introducing students to unit leadership, instructions on how to read a CATS audit, answering questions, review of testing (i.e. Praxis Core) and GPA requirements, and program-specific information. Attendance is required unless it conflicts with a course.
• Each student is enrolled in one or more courses with other CESS FTFYs. Faculty in those courses set aside time to check-in with students during the first year.

Our Graduates Have Gone On To...
• Receive Fulbright Scholar awards to teach abroad
• Teach in all grade levels in school districts across the United States and abroad
• Pursue graduate studies in Special Education, Social Work, Psychology, Law, Medicine and Sociology (to name just a few)
• Move into executive roles for “child-audience” networks such as Nickelodeon
• Become Social Workers
• Be leaders in the Human Services field
• Serve on local, district, State-wide and Government committees on education
• Remain in the field of higher education as administrators and faculty
• MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD 😊