Phase III

STATEWIDE ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

COLORADO PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES:

Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System
Arapahoe Community College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Community College of Aurora
Community College of Denver
Front Range Community College
Lamar Community College
Morgan Community College
Northeastern Junior College
Otero Junior College
Pikes Peak Community College
Pueblo Community College
Red Rocks Community College
Trinidad State Junior College
Aims Community College
Colorado Mountain College

and
the following

COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Adams State College (Interdisciplinary Studies)
Colorado State University at Pueblo (Liberal Studies)
Fort Lewis College (Interdisciplinary Studies)
Mesa State College (Liberal Arts)
Metropolitan State College of Denver (Behavioral Science and Human Development)
University of Colorado at Boulder (History)
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (English, History/Social Studies, Modern Foreign Languages, Science, and Mathematics)
University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center Downtown Denver (Individually Structured Major)
University of Northern Colorado (Interdisciplinary Studies)
Western State College (Interdisciplinary Studies)

In accordance with C.R.S. 23-1-108.5 (1) and C.R.S. 108 (7)(a) the participating institutions agree to the following policies governing the transfer of credit earned at a Colorado community college into a degree program for students seeking elementary education licensure offered at any of the Colorado public four-year colleges and universities listed above.

Section I: Graduation Requirements for Students Seeking Elementary Education Licensure

A. Institutional graduation requirements, including minimum number of hours and minimum grade average.

A transfer student who is seeking elementary education licensure will meet the same graduation requirements as a native student, including enrollment in an approved teacher preparation program, grade point average, and enrollment in specified courses that align with Colorado standards. A transfer student from a Colorado public community college who has earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree designated for the elementary education track as defined in this agreement will need to complete no more than 66 credits to earn the baccalaureate degree at the four-year institution (60 plus 60-66 transfer agreement).

B. Universal transfer courses for the elementary teacher education program.

A community college student who is planning to become an Elementary Education Teacher will sign a graduation plan at the community college that identifies the first 41 credit hours that are guaranteed to transfer to particular teacher education programs (see page one) that are offered by Colorado public institutions of higher education. The courses are listed in Table I of this agreement.

To complete the A.A. graduation requirements, students, who have completed or are currently enrolled in courses that will total the first 41 credits, will apply to a specific teacher education program and be advised by it on the other 19 credits guaranteed to transfer. Priority should be given to 3-4 credit hours of humanities. The receiving institution, however, has final authority of approval over the other 19 credit hours.

All courses described herein are guaranteed to transfer into particular teacher education programs (described on page one)

upon admission. Students need not complete the A.A. degree to transfer any or all of these courses.

C. Second Year, Second Semester of Graduation Agreement (other 19 credit hours)

During the first semester of the student's sophomore year (or the equivalent term when the student will complete the 41 credits outlined in the elementary education graduation agreement), the student may sign an agreement for the other 19 credit hours that will be co-signed by both the community college and the four-year college.

A signed agreement between a community college and a receiving four-year institution only ensures that the other 19 credits are guaranteed to transfer upon admission to the receiving teacher education program. Admission to neither the receiving institution nor its teacher education program is guaranteed.

This agreement entitles the student to:

- Advice from the four-year institution on the other 19 credit hours that will be guaranteed to apply to the graduation requirements that lead to an elementary education licensure.

- A graduation plan that meets the community colleges' Associate of Arts requirements and transfer of any credits earned at the four-year institution as meeting the A.A. graduation requirements.

- Ability to enroll in selected courses offered at the four-year institution, including on-line or on-campus classes if not available at the community college subject to inter-institutional agreements or non-degree policies of the 4-year institution.

D. A transfer student must apply and be successfully admitted to the school of education or appropriate education program at the receiving four-year institution in order to complete the licensure program. Some colleges and universities require that a transfer student apply and be fully admitted to an appropriate degree program as specified by the receiving institution. However, admission to neither the receiving institution nor its teacher education program is guaranteed.

TABLE 1: Guaranteed General Education and Major Courses for Elementary Education Students.

	Credit Hours	Community College Course Number	Course Title	Condition
General Education Courses				*35*
English	3 3	ENG 121 *and* ENG 122	College Composition *and* Composition II	B or better (see IIA 3 below)
Speech	3	SPE 115	Public Speaking	
Math	6	MAT 155 *and* MAT 156	Integrated Math I *and* Integrated Math II	
Humanities	3	LIT 115 *or* LIT 201 *or* LIT 202 *or* LIT 211 *or* LIT 221	Introduction to Literature Masterpieces of Literature I Masterpieces of Literature II Survey of American Lit I Survey of British Literature I	
Science	8	*SCI 155 (4)* *and* SCI 156 (4)	Integrated Science I *and* Integrated Science II	
Social Sciences	9	GEO 105 *and* HIST 201 *and* POS 111	World Regional Geography U.S. History I American Government	
Education Requirements				*6*
Education	3 3	EDU 221 *and* PSY 238	Intro to Education *and* Child Development	
TOTAL				41 Credit Hours

Some institutions may require prescribed general education courses (e.g., music) in addition to the courses listed above. If so, these must either be included among the final 19 credit hours (see "C" above) at the community college or must be completed at the four-year institution to complete the baccalaureate degree.

Section II - Transfer of Credit

A. Policies for accepting grades in transfer.

1. Only academic courses with a letter grade of "C" or better will be accepted for transfer.

2. Courses with grades of "F", "D", "IP", "I", "U", "AU", and "Z" are not transferable.

3. Only courses with grade of "B-" or better are accepted for English Composition (ENG 121). This is a standard teacher education admission standard in Colorado.

B. The four-year college or university will accept all credits in the student's teacher education graduation agreement earned within ten years of transfer. Courses earned more than ten years earlier will be evaluated on an individual basis.

C. This transfer credit is guaranteed under the condition that the community college maintains current accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Section III: Student Appeals Process

An appeal related to denial of transfer credits will follow the Colorado Commission on Higher Education student appeal process.

Section IV: Term, Modifications and Severability

A. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of four years, commencing on July 1, 2006, and terminating on June 30, 2010. This agreement may be extended upon mutual agreement of all parties.

B. Modifications to this agreement may be made if they are required due to unforeseen circumstances, such as material changes to Colorado State Board of Education licensure rules, the CCHE gtPathways curriculum, or the status of courses found in Table 1 of this agreement that are guaranteed for transfer by CCHE. Any modifications to this agreement must be in writing and fully executed by all parties to the agreement.

C. During the term of this agreement, any participating institution may terminate its involvement if 90 days prior written notice is given to CCHE. If a notice of termination is given, the receiving institution must continue to honor all signed agreements with students for a period of five years or until all students have withdrawn or graduated, whichever comes first.

Chief Academic Officer	President/Chancellor
Institution	Date