

TOPIC: FY 2010 COF ELIGIBILITY FOR OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

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I. SUMMARY

Under CRS 23-1-109, the Commission has the statutory responsibility to approve requests from the state's public four-year colleges and universities to offer "off campus state-funded" instruction. This agenda item requests approval of COF eligibility for FY 2009-10 of programs of instruction that the Director of Extended Studies and Department of Higher Education staff certify as meeting the eligibility criteria listed in CCHE policy section IV Extended Studies.

Adams State College, Colorado State University–Pueblo, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and University of Northern Colorado sponsor the programs recommended for approval.

II. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

CCHE Policy Section VI: Statewide Extended Studies, Part B: General Policies for Extended Studies Instruction, Paragraph 7.00 Policies Specific to Off-Campus State-Funded Instruction permits up to one-half of one percent of the total estimated state eligible COF credit hours to be allocated to off-campus programs. Based on FY 2009-10 estimates, the allowable pool for off-campus COF eligibility is 660 FTE.

DHE staff has reviewed and recommends the following off-campus programs for COF funding in FY2010. Staff has taken into account: the State of Colorado's workforce development needs; the extent to which the proposed program is serving underrepresented populations; state funding of the program in the prior fiscal year; and the available off-campus COF stipend allocation. The programs recommended for FY 2010 approval equal 600 FTE.

Adams State College

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with Elementary Licensure at Arapahoe Community College; and
- B.A. in Business Administration with emphasis in Health Care Administration at Pueblo Community College.

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for ASC in FY 2009-10: 60

Colorado State University – Pueblo – Citadel Center

- B.S. in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education;
- B.S. in Social Science;
- B.S. in Social Work;
- B.S. in Sociology; and
- B.S. in Sociology with Criminology Emphasis.

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for CSU-Pueblo in FY 2009-10: 135

Metropolitan State College Denver (upper division classes only)

South Campus

- B.S. in Accounting;
- B.A. in Behavioral Science;
- B.A. in Hospitality, Meeting and Travel Administration;
- B.S. in Management; and
- B.S. in Computer Information Systems.

North Campus

- Upper Division Professional Elementary Education Licensure Sequence taken in conjunction with an approved major course of study; and
- B.A. in Behavioral Science.

MSCD Degree Completion Programs offered at Front Range Community College and Community College of Aurora

- B.S. in Marketing;
- B.S. in Management;
- B.S. in Criminal Justice and Criminology;
- B.S. in Biology;
- B.S. Nursing; and
- B.S. in Psychology.

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for MSCD in FY 2009-10: 200

University of Northern Colorado – Lowry Campus

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies: Liberal Arts plus Elementary Teacher Licensure “Urban Education Program”; and
- B.A. in Special Education.

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for UNC in FY 2009-10: 205

Upon Commission approval, these off-campus programs at Adams State College, Colorado State University at Pueblo, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and University of Northern Colorado will be required to abide by CCHE Budget and Finance Policy Section II, Part D *Policy for Public Institutional Reporting Colorado Opportunity Fund Student Credit Hour Stipend Enrollment, Effective July 1, 2005.*

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission approve the specified off-campus programs for COF eligibility.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. 23-1-109(5) establishes the Commission’s role in overseeing of state funding for off-campus instruction: *The commission shall set policies, after consultation with the governing boards of institutions, which define which courses and programs taught outside the geographic boundaries of the campus may be eligible for general fund support. The commission may include funding for those courses and programs in its systemwide funding recommendations to the general assembly.*