

**TOPIC: APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST
ENDORSEMENT AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
PUEBLO**

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I. SUMMARY

This action item requests initial approval of a teacher education endorsement in Special Education Generalist at Colorado State University Pueblo.

II. BACKGROUND

This endorsement may be awarded at either the undergraduate (post-baccalaureate) or graduate level. Candidates choosing to complete the endorsement program at the graduate level complete additional master's level coursework and earn a Master's of Education (M.Ed.), which is an already approved degree program at CSU Pueblo.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education determines approval of all teacher preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education, upon receiving an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education. The process for reviewing and approving proposed teacher preparation programs is as follows: the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the proposed programs to ensure that the content of each program is designed and implemented in a manner that will enable a teacher candidate to meet the requirements for teacher licensure in Colorado (C.R.S. 22-60.5); CDE then makes a recommendation to the State Board of Education, which makes a recommendation to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE). Upon receiving an affirmative recommendation, DHE reviews the program proposals for the following statutory performance criteria: admission system; screening and counseling of teacher candidates; integration of theory and practice in coursework and field based training; supervised field based experience (at least 800 hours); and assessment of candidates' subject matter and professional knowledge and ability to apply the professional knowledge base (C.R.S. 23-1-121.2). In the case of a private institution, DHE will review the proposal only for supervised field based experience (C.R.S. 23-1-121.5).

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

The Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of this program proposal at its meeting on August 13, 2009. CDE staff transmitted the affirmative recommendation to DHE.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, DHE staff confirmed that the program proposal meets all performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the proposal to offer Special Education Generalist endorsement at Colorado State University Pueblo.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant statute, policy, and the letters of approval from the State Board of Education are on file in the Academic Affairs Office.

VII. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §22-60.5
C.R.S. §23-1-121