

**TOPIC: FY 2011 COF ELIGIBILITY FOR OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS**

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**I. SUMMARY**

Under CRS 23-1-109, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) holds statutory responsibility for approving requests from the state's public four-year colleges and universities to offer "off campus state-funded" instruction. This agenda item concerns programs of instruction that the Director of Extended Studies and Department of Higher Education (DHE) staff certify as meeting the COF eligibility criteria listed in CCHE policy section IV Extended Studies. The recommended programs are sponsored by Adams State College, Colorado State University–Pueblo, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and University of Northern Colorado.

**II. BACKGROUND**

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 beginning in FY 2007. Based on FY 2011 estimates, the allowable pool for off-campus COF eligibility is 719 FTE. The programs recommended for FY 2011 approval equal 560 FTE.

**III. STAFF ANALYSIS**

DHE staff considers a number of factors in determining COF eligibility of off-campus programs, including relevance to workforce needs, the degree to which the proposed program will serve underrepresented populations, and state funding of off-campus programs in the prior fiscal year. Based on these factors, staff recommends that the following programs be approved for COF funding in FY 2011:

**Adams State College – Pueblo Community College**

- B.S. in Business Administration w/Health Care Administration Emphasis

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for Adams State College in FY 2011: 30

**Colorado State University – Pueblo – Citadel Center, Pueblo Community College, Pikes Peak Community College.**

- 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 2011: 145

**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 2011: 175

**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.

*Degree Completion Programs offered at Arapahoe Community College*

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies: Early Childhood “Urban Education Program” at Arapahoe Community College, degree completion

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for UNC in FY 2011: 210

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.*

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**DHE staff recommends that the Commission approve the specified off-campus programs for COF eligibility.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

C.R.S. 23-1-109(5)