

TOPIC: FY2012 COF ELIGIBILITY FOR OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

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I. SUMMARY

Pursuit to CRS 23-1-109, the Commission 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 DHE 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 herein for FY 2012 COF eligibility.

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 2012 estimates, the allowable pool for off-campus COF is **737 FTE**. The programs recommended for FY 2012 funding total only **557 FTE**.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Taking into account current guidance for the authorization of off-campus COF FTE, which includes the state's workforce development needs, the extent to which proposed programs serve underrepresented populations, state funding of the program in the prior fiscal year and available off-campus COF stipend allocation, Department of Higher Education staff recommends that the following off-campus programs be approved for COF funding in FY 2012.

Adams State College – Pueblo Community College

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

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for Adams State College in FY 2012: **30**

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

- B.S. in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education;
- B.S. in Business Administration;
- 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 2012: **152**

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. in Nursing; and
- B.S. in Psychology.

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for MSCD in FY 2012: **185**

University of Northern Colorado

Lowry Campus

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

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for UNC in FY 2012: **190**

Upon Commission approval, the aforementioned 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 RECOMMENDATION

Department of Higher Education staff recommends that the Commission approve the off-campus programs specified above for COF eligibility in FY 2012.

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.