

TOPIC: FISCAL YEAR 2013 COF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMS

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of College Opportunity Fund (COF) eligibility for the Extended Studies degree programs listed below for Fiscal Year 2013. These are the same programs that were approved last year at the Commission's May 6, 2011 meeting (Item II, G) and in previous years.

II. BACKGROUND

The CCHE may approve certain off-campus undergraduate programs (Extended Studies) for College Opportunity Fund (COF) eligibility per C.R.S. §23-1-109(5) and §23-18-202(5)(d)(I)(f). CCHE Policy Section IV: Statewide Extended Studies, subsection 5.02, states that, "Up to one-half of one percent of the total estimated state eligible [COF] credit hours will be allocated to off-campus programs." In accordance with this policy, Department staff annually collect proposals from Extended Studies units and, in consultation with the Statewide Extended Studies designated officers, select programs to recommend to the Commission for approval. The Department recommends that the Commission only approve programs that result in the completion of a degree or other credential. Other considerations include how the program will help meet the State of Colorado's workforce development needs; the extent to which the program is directed at underserved populations; and justification of any duplication of a similar program offered by another institution in the same geographic area.

III. DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR PROPOSED AY 2012-2013 COF ELIGIBILITY

Staff recommend the following institutions' off-campus programs and requested FTE for COF eligibility be approved for FY2013:

Adams State University (30 COF FTE)

- B.S. in Business Administration with Health Care Administration Emphasis to be offered at Pueblo Community College

Colorado State University – Pueblo (152 COF FTE)

CSU-P Colorado Springs Citadel Center, Ft. Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base, 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
- B.S. in Sociology with an Emphasis in Criminology

Metropolitan State University of Denver (155 COF FTE)

South Campus

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

Programs offered at Front Range Community College

- B.S. in Nursing

University of Northern Colorado (190 COF FTE)

Lowry Campus

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

Amounts of requested FTE for COF eligibility are summarized below in Table 1.

Table 1: Requested COF FTE for FY2013

Institution	Requested COF FTE
Adams	30
CSU-Pueblo	152
Metro	155
UNC	190
TOTAL	527

IV. STAFF ANALYSIS

Per CCHE Policy Section IV: Statewide Extended Studies, “Up to one-half of one percent of the total estimated state eligible [COF] credit hours will be allocated to off-campus programs.” The Department’s Division of Budget and Finance reports that COF has been appropriated at 141,905 FTE. One half of one percent of this total is 709.5 FTE. The requested 527 FTE for COF eligibility for FY2013 listed above do not exceed the allowable amount. Moreover, Department staff and Statewide Extended Studies designated officers verify that these programs are designed to help meet the State of Colorado’s workforce development needs; extend opportunities to underserved populations; and are justifiable in light of any duplication of similar programs offered by another institution in the same geographic area.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the off-campus programs and requested FTE for COF eligibility for FY2013 listed above.

VI. 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 system wide funding recommendations to the general assembly.*