TOPIC: COF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMS FOR

FY2014

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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS** 

## I. SUMMARY

This item recommends approval of College Opportunity Fund (COF) eligibility for the Extended Studies degree programs listed below for Fiscal Year 2014. Most of these are the same programs that were approved last year at the Commission's June 7, 2012 meeting (Item III, C) and in previous years. The two new programs for this year are the B.A. Early Childhood and B.A. American Sign Language: English Interpretation, both at University of Northern Colorado.

# II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

College Opportunity Fund (COF) eligibility for off-campus (Extended Studies) undergraduate programs may be approved by the Commission 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." Following this policy, Department staff collect proposals from Extended Studies units to recommend to the Commission for approval, in consultation with the Statewide Extended Studies designated officers. The Department recommends Commission approval only for 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 FY2014 COF ELIGIBILITY

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

## **Adams State University (30 COF FTE)**

Offered at Pueblo Community College

• B.S. in Business Administration with Health Care Administration Emphasis

## **Colorado State University – Pueblo (152 COF FTE)**

Offered at CSU-Pueblo at 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 (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Business Administration (17 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Social Work (35 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Sociology (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Sociology with an Emphasis in Criminology (50 COF FTE)

# **Metropolitan State University of Denver (155 COF FTE)**

South Campus

- B.S. in Accounting (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Behavioral Science (25 COF FTE)
- B.A. in Hospitality, Meeting, and Travel Administration (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Management (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Computer Information Systems (10 COF FTE)

#### North Campus

- Upper Division Professional Elementary Education Licensure Sequence taken in conjunction with an approved major course of study (10 COF FTE)
- B.A. in Behavioral Science (20 COF FTE)

Offered at Front Range Community College

• B.S. in Nursing (15 COF FTE)

## **University of Northern Colorado (205 COF FTE)**

Offered at Lowry Campus

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies: Elementary Teacher Licensure or Early Childhood option "Urban Education Program"
- B.A. in Special Education
- B.A. Early Childhood (190 COF FTE for 3 educator preparation programs)
- B.A. American Sign Language: English Interpretation (15 COF FTE)

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	205
TOTAL	542

# 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 140,605 FTE. The amount allocated to off-campus programs is 703 FTE. The institutions' off-campus requested 542 FTE for COF eligibility for FY2014 listed above does 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. <u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>

That the Commission approve the off-campus programs and requested FTE for COF eligibility for FY2014 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.