

**TOPIC: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES WITH DESIGNATION AT COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE**

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**I. SUMMARY**

This item recommends approval for Colorado Mountain College to offer the following associate degrees with designation:

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Elementary Teacher Education
- English
- French
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Psychology – B.A.
- Psychology – B.S.
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
- Theater

Corresponding Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements for each of the associate degrees listed above are recommended for approval at today's meeting or have been approved by the Commission at previous meetings.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Colorado Mountain College may offer two-year degree programs with or without academic designation, pursuant to §23-71-123(3), C.R.S. Department staff worked extensively with 2- and 4-year faculty and the General Education (GE) Council in developing the Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements above.

**III. STAFF ANALYSIS**

The proposed associate degrees with academic designation listed above fit Colorado Mountain College's statutory role and mission, meet Pathways requirements, and were approved by Colorado Mountain College's Board of Trustees at its July 24, 2014 and September 8, 2014 meetings.

#### **IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff recommends that the Commission approve Colorado Mountain College's proposed associate degrees with academic designation listed in Section I.**

#### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

C.R.S. § 23-71-123. Duties of board of trustees - degrees

(3) A junior college may offer a two-year degree program with or without academic designation. Before a junior college offers a two-year degree program with academic designation, as authorized by this subsection (3), the junior college shall determine the program designation for the degree. The junior college shall then submit the degree program designation to the board of trustees for its review and approval. The junior college may offer the degree program only after it has been approved by the board of trustees and by the Colorado commission on higher education. The junior college shall exclusively use the degree program designation name in official publications, course catalogs, diplomas, and official transcripts.