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## **COLLEGE IN COLORADO REMINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS - NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY**

*Transfer students are encouraged to apply the same time as traditional students to ensure they don't miss financial aid opportunities.*

DENVER- As College Application Month wraps up and seniors submit their college applications, College In Colorado wants to remind community college transfer students that now is also the time for them to apply to their desired four-year institution. Transfer students typically wait until they complete one year or an associate's degree before they apply to a four-year school, which could translate into a transfer student missing a majority of the financial aid opportunities.

While many colleges have a "rolling admissions policy," which means a student can apply up to a year in advance, many transfer students apply too late to receive the same housing and financial aid opportunities as other traditional students. Prospective community college transfer students can apply as much as a year before starting at a four-year college in Colorado. For students who want to start in the fall semester, the priority date to apply is Dec. 1.

"Applying is the first step to getting on track for institutional forms of aid like grants and scholarships," said Dawn Taylor Owens, Executive Director of College In Colorado. "The sooner a transfer student applies the sooner they can explore these opportunities. If a student applies in the spring semester there is a strong chance they will miss out on these forms of aid."

Students should also be aware of Colorado's guaranteed transfer program. To help students avoid taking unnecessary courses and earn a degree in as little time as possible, Colorado has developed a general education curriculum that forms the core of most bachelor's degrees and is guaranteed to transfer between all public colleges and universities in the state. Colorado has also developed guided degree pathways to eliminate the guesswork of which courses to take.

For more information on Colorado's transfer agreements, consult the Colorado Department of Higher Education transfer webpage at <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html>. Institutional transfer guides can be found at <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/transfers/Guides/default.html>.

Note: Students should always seek advising from the appropriate advisor at the college or university they plan to attend to ensure they are selecting the appropriate coursework for the degree and to ensure its transferability.

*About College In Colorado:*

Colorado ranks in the top five states nationwide for the greatest number of degree holders per capita, yet only one in five Colorado ninth-grade students will earn a college degree, ranking the state in the bottom quartile nationally. College In Colorado was initiated by the Department of Higher Education (DHE), which serves the citizens of the state of Colorado by promoting access to, affordability of, and success in higher education for all students. College In Colorado is charged with helping all Coloradans explore career and education pathways, break down barriers to postsecondary attainment, and create a plan for their postsecondary and workforce success. A cornerstone of the campaign, [www.CollegeInColorado.org](http://www.CollegeInColorado.org), offers a one-stop resource to help students and parents plan, apply and pay for college.

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