

TOPIC: FY 2008 COF ELIGIBILITY FOR OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

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I. SUMMARY

Under CRS 23-1-109 & 23-18-10(5)(b), 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.

The Board of Trustees of Metropolitan State College of Denver, the Board of Trustees of Adams State College and The Board of Trustees at University of Northern Colorado sponsor the programs recommended herein for FY 2008 COF eligibility.

DHE staff recommends that the Commission approve the specified off-campus programs described herein for 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 2008 budget estimates, the pool for off-campus COF eligibility is 610 FTE. The programs recommended for FY 2008 approval equal 610 FTE.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Taking into account the State of Colorado's workforce development needs, extent that the proposed program is serving underrepresented populations, state funding of the program in the prior fiscal year, and available off-campus COF stipend allocation, DHE staff recommends that the following off-campus programs be approved for COF funding in FY 2008.

Adams State College

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with Elementary Licensure at the Trinidad State Junior College campus
- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with Elementary Licensure at the Otero Junior College campus

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with Elementary Licensure at the Lamar Community College campus
- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with Elementary Licensure at the Arapahoe Community College campus
- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with Elementary Licensure at the Morgan Community College

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for ASC in FY 2008: 100

Colorado State University at Pueblo – Citadel Center

- B.S in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education
- B.S. in Social Science
- B.S. in Sociology
- B.S in Sociology/Criminology

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for CSU-P in FY 2008: 110

Metropolitan State College of Denver

South Campus

- B.S. in Accounting (upper division classes only)
- B.S. in Computer Information Systems (upper division classes only)
- B.S. in Management (upper division classes only)
- B.A. in Behavioral Science, emphasis in Psychology and Sociology (upper division classes only)
- B.A. in Hospitality, Meeting and Travel Administration (upper division classes only)

North Campus

- B.A. in Behavioral Science, emphasis in Psychology and Sociology (upper division classes only)
- Upper Division Professional Elementary Education Licensure Sequence taken in conjunction with an approved major course of study

Front Range Community College

- B.A. in Behavioral Science, emphasis in Psychology and Sociology (upper division classes only)
- Upper Division Professional Elementary Education Licensure Sequence taken in conjunction with an approved major course of study
- B.S. in Management (upper division classes only)
- B.S. in Marketing (upper division classes only)

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for MSCD in FY 2008: 185

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs – Pikes Peak Community College/Fort Carson

- B.A. in Criminal Justice

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for UCCS in FY 2008: 10

University of Northern Colorado – Lowry Campus

- B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies: Liberal Arts plus Elementary Teacher Licensure “Urban Education Program”
- B.A. in Special Education

Total off-campus COF FTE estimates for UNC in FY 2008: 205

Upon Commission approval, the aforementioned off-campus programs at Adams State College, Colorado State University at Pueblo, Metropolitan State College of Denver, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs 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

DHE staff recommends that the Commission approve the specified off-campus programs described herein for COF eligibility.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. 23-18-102 (5)(b) establishes COF stipend eligibility: *‘Eligible undergraduate student’ shall not mean a student enrolled in an off-campus, extended campus, or continuing education class that is not supported by state general fund moneys, except as approved by the commission.*

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.*