

**TOPIC:** RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF COF ELIGIBILITY AND STUDENT FTE FOR EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMS FOR FY2016

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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 2016. Most of these are the same programs that were approved last year and in previous years.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

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 collects 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. STAFF ANALYSIS**

The Department’s Division of Budget and Finance reports that COF has been appropriated at 129,264 FTE. The amount allocated to off-campus programs is 646 FTE. The institutions’ off-campus requested 587 FTE for COF eligibility for FY2016 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. The requests for FY2016 are:

### **Adams State University (55 COF FTE)**

*Offered at Pueblo Community College*

- B.S. in Business Administration with Health Care Administration Emphasis (30 FTE)

*Offered at Community Partnership for Child Development*

- B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Childhood Education/Non-Licensure (25 FTE)

### **Colorado State University – Pueblo (167 COF FTE)**

*Offered at Colorado Springs Tower, Ft. Carson, Pikes Peak Community College & Denver South locations*

- B.S. in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education (20 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Business Administration (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Social Work (30 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Sociology (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Sociology with an Emphasis in Criminology (50 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Nursing (17 COF FTE)

**Metropolitan State University of Denver (160 COF FTE)**

*South Campus*

- B.S. in Accounting (25 COF FTE)
- B.S. in Psychology (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)
- B.S. in Health Care Management (20 COF FTE)

*Offered at Front Range Community College*

- B.S. in Nursing (15 COF FTE)

*Offered at Arapahoe 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 the 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**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Requested COF FTE</b>
Adams State University	55
CSU-Pueblo	167
MSU Denver	160
UNC	205
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>587</b>

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff recommends that the Commission approve COF eligibility and requested FTE for the extended studies programs listed above for FY2016.**

**V. STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

**C.R.S. §23-1-109. Duties and powers of the commission with regard to off-campus instruction**

(1) The general assembly declares its intent that the state-supported institutions of higher education may engage in instruction off the geographic boundaries of their campuses.

(2) The commission shall define, after consultation with the governing boards of institutions, the geographic and programmatic service areas for each state-supported institution of higher education. No such institution shall provide instruction off-campus in programs or in geographic areas or at sites not approved by the commission, unless otherwise provided by law.

(3) The general assembly declares its intent that all instruction at two-year institutions, including the first two years of instruction at Adams state university and Colorado Mesa university, shall be funded throughout the institutions' commission-approved service area on the same basis as on-campus instruction.

(4) The department shall administer any centralized, statewide extension and continuing education program of instruction that may be offered by any state-supported baccalaureate and graduate institution. All instruction offered outside the geographic boundaries of the campus, including instruction delivered by television or other technological means, shall be a part of this program unless exempted by policy and action of the commission.

(5) 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.