

ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE EDUCATION FOR ALL COLORADANS

Report to the General Assembly
Educator Preparation FY2008-2009
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This report is prepared pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute § 23-1-121(6) to describe the condition of approved educator preparation programs in Colorado, including the total program enrollments, enrollments by licensure or endorsement area, and student demographic and institutional-level data.

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## I. OVERVIEW AND REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

## Overview

Pursuant to §23-1-121(6) Colorado Revised Statutes, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) reports annually to the Education Committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of Senate Bill 99-154, including:

- An overview of enrollments in approved educator preparation programs;
- Plans for the educator preparation program reauthorization process, pursuant to §23-1-121 C.R.S.; and
- A list of approved educator preparation programs, by institution.

Department of Higher Education (DHE) staff collected data for this report using the Student Unit Record Data System (SURDS) from those public and private institutions authorized to offer educator preparation programs in the state (a complete list of authorized institutions is found in Table 6 of this report). DHE staff do not edit the educator preparation data reported by the colleges and universities.

Importantly, §23-1-121(6) C.R.S. requires the reporting of the percentage of educator preparation program graduates who passed the PLACE and Praxis II assessments, which ensure candidates' subject matter knowledge and knowledge of Colorado Model Content Standards (22-60.5-203, C.R.S). Currently, all approved initial educator preparation programs require candidates to pass the PLACE or Praxis II assessments prior to providing an institutional recommendation for licensure. As a result, the pass rate on the PLACE and Praxis II assessments of educator preparation program graduates is 100 percent.

## Report Highlights

The following are the major findings in this report:

1. Overall enrollment in teacher preparation programs has not changed significantly from last year.
2. Undergraduate enrollment has increased while post-baccalaureate and graduate enrollment have decreased from previous years; the decrease in post-baccalaureate and graduate enrollment may be due to the economic downturn.
3. Enrollment of students thirty-five years of age and older also dropped significantly, which is in line with the decrease in enrollment for post-baccalaureate and graduate students.
4. The largest number of students were enrolled in Elementary Education (3,793 down from 4,675 last year), followed by Special Education Generalist (1,226 up from 851 last year), Social Studies ( 964 up from 877 last year) and English Language Arts ( 824 down from 851 last year).
5. Content areas that are considered to be "high-need" in Colorado all showed increased enrollment indicating institutions' success in responding to state needs and suggesting a positive impact by the Teach Colorado Grant scholarship program. High-need areas include: Linguistically Diverse Education (ESL and Bilingual combined were at 774, up from 617 last year), Foreign Language ( 207 up from 172 last year), Mathematics ( 415 up from 390 last year), Science (492 up from 450 last year), and Special Education Generalist (1,226 up from 851 last year).
6. Black, non-Hispanic enrollment decreased significantly.
7. Department of Higher Education, Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Council of Deans of Education continue to collaborate to streamline and improve the reauthorization process and hold educator preparation programs accountable for improving.

## II. EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

This section provides information on the number of students enrolled in approved educator preparation programs in Colorado as required by § 23-1-121(6) Colorado Revised Statutes.

## Total Enrollment

Table 1 (below) summarizes total enrollments by institution over the last five years. In total, $\mathbf{1 1 , 2 4 2}$ students were enrolled in approved educator preparation programs at 18 public and private institutions in Colorado in 2009. The University of Northern Colorado led all public institutions in total enrollment of students in educator preparation programs with 3,520, followed by Metropolitan State College of Denver $(1,674)$, the University of Colorado Denver $(1,423)$, and Colorado State University (761). Among private colleges and universities, Regis University enrolled the most educator preparation students with 754, followed by University of Phoenix (473) and University of Denver (210).

Though total enrollment appears to have decreased at face value from 2008 to 2009, it should be noted that efforts to collect more accurate data this year have resulted in changes in the way several institutions reported enrollment. Also, starting in 2009, enrollment in seven "specialist" endorsement areas have been excluded from the grand total. Those areas are: Audiologist, School Counselor, School Nurse, School Physical Therapist, School Psychologist, School Social Worker and Speech/Language Pathologist. These seven programs' enrollment data is now excluded because there is no reliable way to predict which of the candidates in these programs will go on to work in a K-12 setting.

Deeper analysis reveals that enrollment has increased at several public institutions (Metro, UCD and UNC most notably) while it has decreased at several private institutions (Colorado Christian, Regis and Phoenix). Overall, however, the data should not be taken to show any significant change from last year's enrollment.

TABLE 1: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS BY INSTITUTION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

| Number of Students Enrolled |  |  |  |  | 2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Institution | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |  |
| Adams State College | 313 | 286 | 204 | 166 | 185 |
| Colorado Christian University | 172 | 154 | 247 | 340 | 271 |
| Colorado College | 70 | 86 | 77 | 61 | 60 |
| Colorado State University | 661 | 810 | 922 | 803 | 761 |
| Colorado State University - Pueblo | 368 | 354 | 393 | 338 | 304 |
| Fort Lewis College | 288 | 255 | 307 | 269 | 234 |
| Johnson and Wales University | 54 | 99 | -- | -- | -- |
| Jones International University ${ }^{1}$ | -- | 530 | 637 | 734 | 69 |
| Mesa State College | 270 | 297 | 228 | 300 | 321 |
| Metropolitan State College of Denver ${ }^{2}$ | 1,771 | 1,814 | 1,699 | 1,435 | 1,674 |
| Regis University | 895 | 983 | 934 | 810 | 754 |
| Rocky Mtn. Coll. Art + Design | 30 | 38 | -- | 35 | 52 |
| University of Colorado Boulder | 621 | 642 | 622 | 528 | 513 |
| University of Colorado Colorado Springs ${ }^{3}$ | 277 | 94 | 79 | 98 | 314 |
| University of Colorado Denver | 1,671 | 1,371 | 1,392 | 1,343 | 1,423 |
| University of Denver ${ }^{4}$ | 73 | 65 | 55 | 65 | 210 |
| University of Northern Colorado | 2,627 | 2,569 | 2,751 | 3,283 | 3,520 |
| University of Phoenix | 598 | 548 | 1,064 | 919 | 473 |
| Western State College | 135 | 107 | 244 | 191 | 104 |
| Grand Total | 10,894 | 11,102 | 11,855 | 11,718 | 11,242 ${ }^{5}$ |

Note: The counts are unduplicated by each category. Because of variations in the submission of the student data, the total counts vary slightly from table to table.
${ }^{1}$ Starting 2009, JIU is reporting enrollment for its Colorado residents only.
${ }^{2}$ Numbers include enrollment in Teachers in Residence alternative certification program.
${ }^{3}$ Numbers reported by UCCS for 2006-2008 do not include candidates in the special education, principal or counselor programs.
${ }^{4}$ Numbers reported by DU for 2005-2008 do not include candidates in all endorsement areas they offer.
${ }^{5}$ Comparing the grand total for 2009 to previous years is not reliable because starting 2009, seven specialist endorsement areas are no longer being included in total enrollment.

## Undergraduate, Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Enrollments

Table 2 (below) summarizes enrollment by degree level (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate) and by institution. Undergraduate enrollments comprised almost 53 percent of total enrollments (up from 49 percent last year). The two largest undergraduate enrollments among public colleges and universities were at the University of Northern Colorado $(2,656)$ and Metropolitan State College of Denver (1,110). Colorado Christian University had the largest reported undergraduate enrollment (223) among private institutions.

Post-baccalaureate programs enrolled just under nine percent of the students in educator preparation programs (no change from last year). Of the 11 institutions offering postbaccalaureate programs, Metropolitan State College accounted for almost 60 percent (571) of the 960 post-baccalaureate students in the state and the University of Colorado at Boulder enrolled 15 percent (148).

Graduate enrollments accounted for almost 39 percent of the total (down from 42 percent last year). The University of Colorado at Denver enrolled the largest number of graduate students $(1,442)$ followed by the University of Northern Colorado $(1,166)$.

Overall, undergraduate enrollment has increased while post-baccalaureate and graduate enrollment have decreased from previous years; the decrease in post-baccalaureate and graduate enrollment may be due to the economic downturn.

TABLE 2: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS FOR ALL ENDORSEMENT/LICENSURE AREAS BY LEVEL BY INSTITUTION FOR 2009

| Institution | Graduate | Post- <br> Bacc. | Undergraduate | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Adams State College | 44 | -- | 141 | 185 |
| Colorado Christian University | -- | 54 | 223 | 277 |
| Colorado College | 50 | 1 | 9 | 60 |
| Colorado State University | 144 | 70 | 582 | 796 |
| Colorado State University Pueblo | 41 | -- | 263 | 304 |
| Denver Seminary | 21 | -- | -- | 21 |
| Fort Lewis College | -- | 48 | 190 | 238 |
| Jones International University | 69 | -- | -- | 69 |
| Mesa State College | 112 | 19 | 190 | 321 |
| Metropolitan State College of Denver | -- | 571 | 1,110 | 1,681 |
| Regis University ${ }^{1}$ | -- | -- | -- | 754 |
| Rocky Mtn. Coll. Art \& Design | -- | -- | 52 | 52 |
| University of Colorado Boulder | 137 | 148 | 299 | 584 |
| University of Colorado Colorado Springs | 318 | -- | 46 | 364 |
| University of Colorado Denver | 1,442 | -- | 33 | 1,475 |
| University of Denver | 266 | -- | -- | 266 |
| University of Northern Colorado | 1,166 | -- | 2,656 | 3,822 |
| University of Phoenix | 481 | -- | -- | 481 |
| Western State College | -- | 49 | 55 | 104 |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{4 , 2 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{9 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 8 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 8 5 4}$ |

Note: The reason the grand total for enrollment in Table 2 varies from Table 1 is that some students moved from undergraduate to graduate status during the year and got counted twice.
${ }^{1}$ Data not provided.

## Licensure/Endorsement Area Enrollment by Level

Table 3 (below) summarizes graduate, post-baccalaureate and undergraduate enrollment by licensure/endorsement area.

TABLE 3: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS BY LEVEL BY ENDORSEMENT/LICENSURE AREAS FOR 2008

| Endorsement/Licensure Area | Graduate | Post- <br> Bacc. | Undergrad. | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Administrator (Superintendent) (3.04) | 58 | -- | -- | 58 |
| Agriculture \& Renewable Natural Resources (8.03) | -- | -- | 16 | 16 |
| Art (8.04) | 33 | 39 | 284 | 356 |
| Business and Marketing Education (8.05) | 28 | -- | 1 | 29 |
| Business Education (8.05) | 11 | 5 | 5 | 21 |
| Drama (8.07) | 11 |  | 63 | 74 |
| Early Childhood Education (8.01) | 25 | 25 | 333 | 383 |
| ECE Special Education: Specialist (9.04) | 16 | -- | -- | 16 |
| ECE Special Education (9.08) | 166 | 2 | 1 | 169 |
| Elementary Education (8.02) | 1,013 | 409 | 2,371 | 3,793 |
| English Language Arts (8.09) | 174 | 79 | 571 | 824 |
| Family and Consumer Studies (8.12) | -- | 4 | 24 | 28 |
| Foreign Language (8.10) | 26 | 24 | 157 | 207 |
| Gifted Education Specialist (9.05) | 41 | -- | -- | 41 |
| Health (8.11) | 1 | -- | -- | 1 |
| Instructional Technology Specialist (10.06) | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| Instructional Technology Teacher (8.08) | 9 | -- | -- | 9 |
| LDE Specialist: Bilingual Education (8.23) | 3 | -- | 26 | 29 |
| Linguistically Diverse Education: ESL (8.22) | 338 | 1 | 210 | 549 |
| Marketing Education (8.05) | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| Mathematics (8.14) | 89 | 58 | 268 | 415 |
| Music (8.15) | 39 | 7 | 339 | 385 |
| Occupational Therapist, School (11.02) | 27 | -- | 1 | 28 |
| Orientation \& Mobility Specialist, School (11.03) | 33 | -- | -- | 33 |
| Physical Education (8.16) | 41 | 22 | 325 | 388 |
| Principal (3.03) | 773 | -- | 3 | 776 |
| Reading Specialist (10.04) | 1 | -- | -- | 1 |
| Reading Teacher (10.03) | 215 | -- | -- | 215 |
| School Librarian (10.02) | 83 | -- | -- | 83 |
| Science (8.17) | 144 | 91 | 257 | 492 |
| Social Studies (8.18) | 184 | 84 | 696 | 964 |
| Special Education Director (10.05) | 61 | -- | 1 | 62 |
| Special Education Specialist (9.01) | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| Special Education Generalist (9.06) | 508 | 174 | 450 | 1,132 |
|  |  |  | 0 |  |


| Special Ed. Specialist: Deaf/Hard of Hearing (9.03) | 37 | -- | -- | 37 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Special Ed. Specialist: Visually Impaired (9.02) | 45 | -- | -- | 45 |
| Speech (8.19) | 2 | -- | 17 | 19 |
| Teacher Librarian (10.02) | 87 | -- | -- | 87 |
| Technology Education (prev. Industrial Arts) (8.13) | -- | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Undeclared or Unknown | 17 | -- | 1 | 18 |
| Grand Totals | $\mathbf{4 , 3 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 4 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 9 2}$ |

Note: The reason the grand total in this table varies from the grand total in Table 1 is that some students moved from undergraduate to graduate status during the year and got counted twice.
${ }^{1}$ The numbers in parentheses indicate where to find endorsement requirements in the Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991.

## Licensure/Endorsement Area Enrollment over the Last Four Years

Table 4 (below) summarizes enrollment by licensure/endorsement area over the last five years. The largest number of students were enrolled in Elementary Education (3,793 down from 4,675 last year), followed by Special Education Generalist (1,226 up from 851 last year), Social Studies ( 964 up from 877 last year) and English Language Arts ( 824 down from 851 last year). Content areas that are considered to be "high-need" in Colorado all showed improved enrollment, indicating institutions' success in responding to state needs and suggesting a positive impact by the Teach Colorado Grant scholarship program. High-need content areas include: Linguistically Diverse Education (ESL and Bilingual combined was at 774, up from 617 last year), Foreign Language ( 207 up from 172 last year), Mathematics (415 up from 390 last year), Science (492 up from 450 last year), and Special Education Generalist (1,167 up from 851 last year).

## TABLE 4: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS BY ENDORSEMENT/LICENSURE AREAS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

| Endorsement/Licensure Area | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Administrator (Superintendent) (3.04) | 126 | 55 | 55 | 45 | 73 |
| Agriculture \& Renewable Natural Resources (8.03) | 15 | 24 | 25 | 18 | 16 |
| Art (8.04) | 287 | 333 | 314 | 345 | 356 |
| Business and Marketing Education (8.05) | 41 | 51 | 20 | 22 | 29 |
| Business Education (8.05) | 34 | 24 | 20 | 18 | 21 |
| Drama (8.07) | 32 | 32 | 51 | 61 | 74 |
| Early Childhood Education (8.01) | 245 | 186 | 212 | 259 | 383 |
| ECE Special Education: Specialist (9.04) | 89 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| ECE Special Education (9.08) | 49 | 159 | 126 | 176 | 169 |
| Elementary Education (8.02) | 3,660 | 4,190 | 4,989 | 4,675 | 3,793 |
| English Language Arts (8.09) | 672 | 732 | 800 | 797 | 824 |
| Family and Consumer Studies (8.12) | 44 | 87 | 39 | 25 | 28 |
| Foreign Language (8.10) | 155 | 158 | 169 | 172 | 207 |
| Gifted Education Specialist (9.05) |  | 23 | 20 | 58 | 41 |


| Health (8.11) | 1 | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Instructional Technology Specialist (10.06) | 154 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Instructional Technology Teacher (8.08) | -- | -- | 11 | 38 | 9 |
| LDE Specialist: Bilingual Education (8.23) | 61 | 27 | 7 | 42 | 29 |
| Linguistically Diverse Education: ESL (8.22) | 340 | 344 | 246 | 615 | 774 |
| Marketing Education (8.05) | 37 | 36 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Mathematics (8.14) | 293 | 354 | 384 | 390 | 415 |
| Music (8.15) | 198 | 288 | 328 | 305 | 385 |
| Occupational Therapist, School (11.02) | 61 | 32 | 98 | 4 | 28 |
| Orientation \& Mobility Specialist, School (11.03) |  | 2 | 2 | 26 | 33 |
| Physical Education (8.16) | 289 | 330 | 339 | 337 | 388 |
| Principal (3.03) | 318 | 627 | 633 | 690 | 776 |
| Reading Specialist (10.04) | 71 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Reading Teacher (10.03) | 369 | 219 | 221 | 191 | 268 |
| School Librarian (10.02) | -- | -- | -- | -- | 83 |
| Science (8.17) | 395 | 461 | 465 | 450 | 492 |
| Social Studies (8.18) | 725 | 872 | 850 | 877 | 964 |
| Special Education Director (10.05) | -- | -- | -- | -- | 64 |
| Special Education Specialist (9.01) | 62 | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| Special Education Generalist (9.06) | 739 | 758 | 849 | 851 | 1,226 |
| Special Ed. Specialist: Deaf/Hard of Hearing (9.03) | 37 | 36 | 4 | 35 | 37 |
| Special Ed. Specialist: Visually Impaired (9.02) | 56 | 29 | 11 | 39 | 45 |
| Speech (8.19) | 18 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 19 |
| Teacher Librarian (10.02) | -- | -- | -- | -- | 87 |
| Technology Education (prev. Industrial Arts) (8.13) | -- | -- | -- | -- | 8 |
| Undeclared or Unknown | 783 | 293 | 304 | 588 | 18 |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{1 0 , 9 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 0 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 8 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 4 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 4 0 3}$ |
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Note: The totals are higher in this table because some students are enrolled in multiple endorsement programs, such as Elementary Education with Special Education Generalist.
${ }^{1}$ Starting 2009, institutions were not allowed to report more than $5 \%$ of their enrollment as "Undeclared or Unknown," which explains the decrease from previous years.

## Educator Candidate Demographics

Table 5 (below) summarizes demographic characteristics of students enrolled in educator preparation programs. Female students continue to comprise the vast majority of those enrolled, representing almost 77 percent of the student population. Students who are members of ethnic minority groups represented small numbers of enrollees in educator preparation programs. Black, non-Hispanic enrollment decreased significantly (down to 191 from 335 last year). Enrollment for students thirty-five years of age and older also decreased significantly (down to 2,794 from 3,054 last year), which is in line with the decrease in enrollment for post-baccalaureate and graduate students.

TABLE 5: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS FOR ALL ENDORSEMENT/LICENSURE AREAS BY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

| Number of Students Enrolled |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Gender | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | \% for 2009 |
| Female | 8,321 | 8,521 | 9,023 | 8,952 | 8,983 | $76.7 \%$ |
| Male | 2,551 | 2,566 | 2,814 | 2,752 | 2,727 | $23.3 \%$ |
| Unknown |  |  | 7 | 2 | 8 | -- |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 , 8 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 0 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 8 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |


| Ethnicity | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | \% for 2009 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| - Unknown Ethnicity | 813 | 815 | 994 | 1,097 | 896 | $7.64 \%$ |
| 1 - Non-Resident Alien | 28 | 120 | 14 | 27 | 27 | $0.23 \%$ |
| 2 - Black, non-Hispanic | 221 | 277 | 293 | 335 | 191 | $1.63 \%$ |
| 3 -Am. Indian or Alaskan Native | 102 | 115 | 136 | 152 | 139 | $1.18 \%$ |
| 4 - Asian or Pacific Islander | 210 | 205 | 244 | 224 | 232 | $1.98 \%$ |
| 5 - Hispanic | 862 | 872 | 881 | 817 | 920 | $7.85 \%$ |
| 6 - White, non-Hispanic | 8,644 | 8,697 | 9,288 | 9,061 | 9,319 | $79.49 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 , 8 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 1 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 8 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |


| Age | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | \% for 2009 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $0-24$ years | 4,104 | 4,184 | 4,756 | 4,957 | 5,245 | $44 \%$ |
| 25-34 years | 3,791 | 3,905 | 3,921 | 3,696 | 3,876 | $33 \%$ |
| 35+ years | 2,980 | 2,999 | 3,164 | 3,054 | 2,794 | $23 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 , 8 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 0 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 8 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 9 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

Note: The counts are unduplicated by each category. Because of variations in the submission of the student data, the total counts vary slightly from to table.

## III. EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

## Reauthorization Site Visits FY2008-2009

Pursuant to 23-1-121 (4)(a)(I) Colorado Revised Statutes, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE)/Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) in conjunction with the State Board of Education (SBE)/Colorado Department of Education (CDE) are required to administer reviews of educator preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education not more frequently than once every five years to ensure the programs meet the statutory requirements for reauthorization.

Seven university-based educator preparation programs were reviewed for reauthorization during FY2008-2009. They are University of Phoenix on November 18-19, 2008; Jones International University on December 2-3, 2008; Colorado State University-Pueblo on February 17-19, 2009; University of Colorado-Boulder on March 3-5, 2009; Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design
on April 1, 2009; Mesa State College on April 7-9, 2009; and Metropolitan State College on April 29-30, 2009.

## Findings

Both University of Phoenix and Jones International University have been reauthorized by SBE and CCHE. The five other institutions are currently undergoing the CDE content review process, which they must pass before being recommended for reauthorization to SBE and CCHE. The visiting teams identified strengths and weaknesses, as well as areas for improvement, at all of the programs. DHE and CDE staff hold the programs accountable for satisfactorily meeting areas for improvement by setting deadlines and providing assistance if necessary.

All reauthorized educator preparation programs at institutions of higher education-public and private-are compliant with the state's statutory performance-based teacher education measures. That is, all approved educator preparation programs have instituted competitive admission requirements; provide ongoing screening and advising to candidates; provide coursework that integrates theory and practice; instruct according to the State Board of Education's Model Content Standards, Performance-Based Standards for Colorado Teachers and the teacher competencies in the Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991; require 800 hours or more of field-based experiences (e.g., student teaching); and conduct comprehensive evaluation of each candidate's content knowledge and pedagogical ability, as well as survey graduates and school districts for feedback on how to improve their programs and meet the needs of local education agencies.

Reauthorization site visits scheduled for FY2009-2010 include University of Colorado-Colorado Springs on November 16-18, 2009; Fort Lewis College on January 27-29, 2010; Regis University on March 17-19, 2010; and University of Denver on April 19-21, 2010.

## Alignment with National Accreditation

DHE, in collaboration with CDE, hosts a Reauthorization Committee of the Colorado Council of Deans of Education (CCODE), an association of deans and directors of educator preparation programs in Colorado. One purpose of the committee is to explore and propose options for ensuring a value added, timely and transparent reauthorization process. Another purpose is to cultivate collaborative relationships between the state and the two national accreditation agencies that accredit fourteen of Colorado's eighteen university-based educator preparation programs; National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

## New Educator Preparation Program Approvals FY2008-2009

Three new educator preparation programs were granted initial approval in FY2008-2009: Language Diversity Education: English as a Second Language and Language Diversity Education Specialist: Bilingual Education at Jones International University, as well as Elementary Education at University of Phoenix.

## Teach Colorado Grant Initiative to Recruit High-Needs Teacher Candidates

The Teach Colorado Grant Initiative, administered by DHE, provided scholarships to 230 highperforming teacher candidates who entered educator preparation programs in high-need content areas, most of whom student-taught or have agreed to teach in rural and high poverty districts upon graduation. Recipients participated in activities to increase their retention in the program and to promote high school graduation and post-secondary education to traditionally underserved K-12 students. The initiative also led to many innovative and unanticipated partner projects between educator preparation programs and their local education agencies. The grant also recruited community college students and strengthened the high school-to-teacher preparation pipeline. Increased enrollment shown in mathematics, science, foreign languages and special education generalist endorsements may be in part due to this program. The Teach Colorado Grant Final Evaluation 2008-2009 submitted to the General Assembly can be found at http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Legislative/Index.html

## Recalibration of Early Childhood and Elementary Education Statewide Articulation Agreements

DHE convened all signatories on the Early Childhood and Elementary Education statewide articulation agreements on October 9, 2009 to begin a recalibration of the agreements. Representatives of community colleges and four year institutions met and discussed how to create as seamless a pipeline as possible for education students who transfer from two-year to four-year institutions. The recalibration process for the Elementary Education agreement is expected to conclude in spring 2010, and for Early Childhood Education in winter 2010, resulting in clearer guidance for advisors and transfer students.

## IV. APPROVED UNIVERSITY-BASED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Table 6 (below) lists all approved educator preparation programs in the state by endorsement/licensure area. The existence of the program at the institution is denoted by the number of students enrolled in the program for FY2008-2009 or an asterisk. A more detailed list of approved educator preparation programs in Colorado is available at http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/TeacherEd/

TABLE 6: EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS FOR ALL ENDORSEMENT/LICENSURE AREAS BY INSTITUTION

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| ADMINISTRATOR (3.04) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 |  |  |  |  |  | 15 | 1 | 16 | 15 |  |  |
| AGRICULTURE AND RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES (8.03) |  |  |  | 16 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ART (8.04) | 3 |  | 6 | 53 | 10 |  | 21 | 0 | 9 | 79 | 10 | 52 |  |  |  | 1 | 103 |  | 6 |
| AUDIOLOGIST (11.01) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |  | * |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { BUSINESS AND MARKETING } \\ & \text { EDUCATION (8.05) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27 |  |
| BUSINESS EDUCATION (8.05) | 1 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| COUNSELOR, SCHOOL (11.09) |  |  |  | * |  | * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * | * | * | * | * |  |
| DRAMA (8.07) | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  | 74 |  |  |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION <br> (8.01) | 0 | 28 |  | 105 |  |  | 15 |  |  | 99 | 26 |  |  |  |  |  | 91 | 0 |  |
| ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (8.02) | 101 | 214 | 21 |  | 161 |  | 101 | 21 | 110 | 544 | 383 |  | 159 | 51 | 244 | 20 | 1282 | 200 | 24 |
| ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (8.09) | 6 | 8 | 6 | 119 | 22 |  | 28 | 2 | 24 | 149 | 45 |  | 83 | 9 | 46 | 5 | 224 | 26 | 10 |
| FAMILY AND CONSUMER STUDIES (8.12) |  |  |  | 26 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE (8.10) | 3 |  | 4 | 37 | 3 |  | 6 | 0 | 4 | 43 | 8 |  | 20 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 69 |  | 0 |
| GIFTED TALENTED SPECIALIST (9.05) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 40 |  |  |
| HEALTH (8.11) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY } \\ & \text { SPECIALIST (10.06) } \end{aligned}$ | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY } \\ & \text { TEACHER (8.08) } \end{aligned}$ | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 7 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EDUCATION SPECIALIST: BILINGUAL EDUCATION (8.23) ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 |  | 0 |  |  |  | 27 |  |  |


| CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE | ASC | CCU | CC | CSU | CSUP | DS | FLC | JIU | MSC | MSCD | RU | RMCAD | UCB | UCCS | UCD | DU | UNC | UP | WSC |
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| LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EDUCATION: ESL (8.22) | 0 |  |  |  | 9 |  | 60 | 1 | 45 | 0 | 30 |  | 220 | 5 | 217 |  | 246 |  | 0 |
| MARKETING EDUCATION (8.05) |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| MATHEMATICS (8.14) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 45 | 10 |  | 8 | 4 | 21 | 73 | 13 |  | 44 | 8 | 34 | 4 | 127 | 4 | 4 |
| MUSIC (8.15) | 6 | 9 | 2 | 63 | 22 |  | 9 | 0 | 6 | 38 | 3 |  | 91 |  |  | 1 | 131 |  | 2 |
| NURSE, SCHOOL (11.05) |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |  | * | * |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |
| OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, SCHOOL (11.02) |  |  |  | 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SPECIALIST, SCHOOL (11.03) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 33 |  |  |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION (8.16) | 16 |  |  |  | 34 |  | 15 | 1 | 12 | 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 227 |  | 11 |
| PHYSICAL THERAPIST, SCHOOL (11.04) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |  |
| PRINCIPAL (3.03) | 0 |  |  | 37 |  |  |  | 0 | 67 |  | 14 |  |  | 65 | 189 | 130 | 117 | 155 | 0 |
| PSYCHOLOGIST, SCHOOL (11.06) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * | * | * |  |  |
| READING SPECIALIST (10.04) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| READING TEACHER (10.03) | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 53 | 5 | 155 |  | 59 |  | 0 |
| LIBRARIAN, SCHOOL (10.02) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 52 | 11 | 20 |  |  |
| SCIENCE (8.17) | 4 | 3 | 9 | 83 | 12 |  | 11 | 0 | 9 | 87 | 22 |  | 52 | 4 | 50 | 5 | 109 | 23 | 5 |
| SOCIAL STUDIES (8.18) | 8 | 7 | 10 | 107 | 21 |  | 20 | 1 | 18 | 157 | 55 |  | 64 | 10 | 55 | 11 | 355 | 27 | 7 |
| SOCIAL WORKER, SCHOOL (11.07) |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |
| SPEECH (8.19) |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |
| SPEECH/LANGUAGE <br> PATHOLOGIST, SCHOOL (11.08) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |  | * |  |  |
| TEACHER LIBRARIAN (10.02) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 87 |  |  |  |  |
| TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (8.13) |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| $\qquad$ (8.21) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR } \\ & (10.05) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 62 |  |  |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST (9.06) | 35 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  | 335 | 129 |  | 59 | 142 | 101 |  | 355 |  | 35 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST (9.01) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIALISTVISUALLY IMPAIRED (9.02) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 45 |  |  |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIALISTDEAF/HARD OF HEARING (9.03) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 37 |  |  |
| ECE SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST (9.04) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 124 |  | 46 |  |  |
| ECE SPECIAL EDUCATION (9.08) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UNDECLARED OR UNKNOWN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 |  |



* Indicates that the program prepares graduates to work in a variety of settings and there is no way to predict how many graduates will work in K-12 schools.
${ }^{1}$ The numbers in parentheses indicate where to find endorsement requirements in the Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991.
2 The reported enrollment for LDE Specialist: Bilingual Education may be low as these students are difficult to identify. Licensure in this area requires only taking an additional test and demonstrating competency in a foreign language, neither of which are done at the institution level.

