



# COLORADO

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM



*We're Changing the Way*  
**Colorado** *Goes to College.*

# *Our Pledge to Colorado*

As the state's largest provider of post-secondary education and training, we pledge to keep tuition low, quality high, and to deliver skilled talent to the workforce.

## **Bridging Education and Industry**

Since the creation of the Colorado Community College System in 1967, the System has grown to 13 colleges with 40 locations - serving over 125,000 students each year through:

- **Concurrent Enrollment**
- **Career & Technical Education**
- **Certificate Programs**
- **Transfer Programs**
- **Associate Degree Programs**
- **Bachelor Degree Programs**
- **1 Master's Degree**
- **Customized Employee Training**

Our colleges are the key to our state and our nation's economic future and its civic and cultural vitality. We serve the fastest growing student populations: those with limited economic resources, ethnic and racial minorities, refugees, veterans, working parents, first generation students, and many others who are not well served in more traditional and more expensive models.

*In **COLORADO**, We have a class with your name on it.*



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Our vision for the future is clear. We want to enrich lives while strengthening our communities and our economy by building a competitive workforce and well-educated citizens. While we have always focused on increasing access, this focus must include increasing retention and completion so that we better serve our diverse students and communities and close equity gaps. That is how we will build not only a stronger economy but also a stronger democracy.

**- JOE GARCIA, CCCS CHANCELLOR**

# Demographics & Offerings

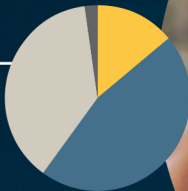
**41%**

We serve nearly half of all resident undergraduate students of color in CO who attend public institutions of higher education.

## Age

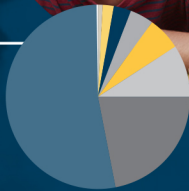
**Average Age: 25**

- 14% Teens (<18)
- 46% Young Adults (18-24)
- 38% Adults (25-54)
- 2% Young at Heart (55+)



## Ethnicity

- 53% White
- 22% Hispanic
- 9% Unknown
- 6% Black or African American
- 4% Multiple Races
- 3% Asian
- 2% International
- 0.78% American Indian or Alaska Native
- 0.27% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander



## College Population

**121,000+**

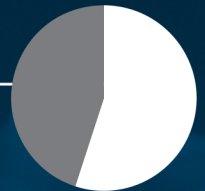
Undergraduate Students Served Annually

**4,000+**

New and Incumbent Employees Trained Annually

## Gender

- 55% Female
- 45% Male



- 96% Colorado Resident
- 51% First Generation
- 68% Pell Eligible
- 7% Military-Related Students
- 30% Full-time (12+ credits)
- 70% Part-time (<12 credits)

## Residential Life & Sports

**5** CCCS Colleges have on-campus housing and competitive athletic teams (CNCC, LCC, OJC, NCJ, TSJC).

**1,000+**

Students housed on campus

**50+ Athletic Programs System Wide**

- M & W Basketball
- M & W Soccer
- M & W Golf
- M & W Rodeo
- M & W Cross Country, Track & Field
- Men's Baseball
- Men's Wrestling
- Women's Softball
- Women's Volleyball
- Flight Team (National Intercollegiate Flying Association)

## College Offerings

### Programs at a Glance

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts & Communication
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Educator Training
- Energy
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Multimedia Graphic Design
- Radio, TV, & Live Audio Engineering
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics



Nearly **2,000** Programs



**1,000+** Certificates



**873** Associate's Degrees

### Featured Apprenticeships

- Healthcare
- Cybersecurity
- Skilled Trades
- Water Quality Management
- Early Childhood Education
- Arborist

### 8 Bachelor's Degrees:

#### Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)

- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Service Administration
- Radiologic Technology
- Water Quality Management
- Geospatial Science
- Secure Software Development
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Advanced Paramedic Practitioner

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

### 1 Master's Degree:

Physician's Assistant Studies

# Innovative Pathways to Success



CCCS provides **84%** of Concurrent Enrollment in Colorado.

**30k**

High school students served by CCCS Colleges for CE.

**24%**

Of CCCS headcount is made up of CE students.

**\$35M+**

Saved annually in college tuition costs.

**2,560**

Credentials Awarded



**83%**

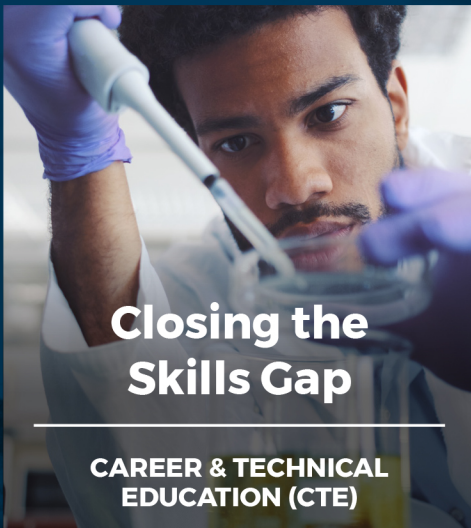
1 and 2-yr certificates

**17%**

2-year degrees

**75%**

Of students go on to college (matriculate to a CCCS College or a four-year institution).



**CCCS is unique in the nation.**

We are the only community college system that manages and approves all levels of career and technical education (CTE) programs statewide that are funded by Federal Perkins dollars. Program collaboration includes our 13 colleges, six other post-secondary institutions, more than 160 school districts, and the CO Department of Corrections.

This arrangement allows for seamless transitions in CTE starting in middle school through college completion and into the workforce.

**7** Career clusters that mirror Colorado's top industries

**K-12**

- 146,000 students served annually
- Over 1,500 programs
- 43% of all CTE courses are concurrent enrollment and count towards college credit
- Over 78,000 program completions annually
- 98% go on to college, training, or work

**College**

- 37,000 students served annually
- Over 550 programs
- 23,400 credentials awarded annually (85% certificates and 15% Associate Degrees)



## Apprenticeships

CCCS helps companies build apprenticeship programs to meet their talent needs while supporting apprentices in accessing in-demand jobs through an earn and learn model.



## Digital Badges

CCCS is a leader in offering digital badges, a new way to display industry-recognized, employment-focused credentials that validate core employability and technical skills for all industries.



## Customized Employee Training

CCCS's **Skill Advance Colorado** program, in partnership with OEDIT, supports over 100 businesses annually, implementing over 450 customized trainings for 4,000 new and incumbent workers. Each year, the program saves businesses **\$4 million** in employee training costs.

OEDIT: Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade

# Maximizing Value for Students & Our State

## Supporting Colorado: Our Economic Impact

Because Coloradans invest in us, we're serious about driving Colorado forward. Each year, our colleges and our students and graduates have a significant impact on the Colorado economy.



# \$5.8B

The annual impact CCCS has on the state.



# 13.5%

Rate of return to state and local taxpayers when investing in CCCS.

## Health Science Degrees Propel Student Earnings Even Higher



**40%** of all CCCS credentials awarded are in Health Sciences.



**97%** Average earnings increase for students in our health sciences cluster.



**230%** Average increase in wages for dental hygienists.

## Serious ROI for Our Students:

We promise every Coloradan an affordable college education – one that will not saddle our students with mountains of debt. We start by keeping tuition low, but we also ensure that our students and graduates are set up for success.

Average annual resident tuition for CCCS Colleges **\$4,470**

**60%** Lower resident tuition than the average cost of a Colorado public research university.

Percentage of CCCS students who **graduate debt-free:** **63%**  
*For those who complete with debt, average debt is \$14,600.*

**4x** For every \$1 a student invests, they receive nearly four times back in **lifetime earnings**.

## Saving Students Time & Money

CCCS is a leader in reimagining the college journey, implementing innovative systems and pathways that lower costs and put higher education in reach for all Coloradans.

### College Credit for Work Experience:

#### *Prior Learning Assessment*

Approximately **3,000** students earn **23k+** credits through this process each year, saving approximately **\$3.3M**.

### Open Education Resources:

#### *Zero Cost Textbooks*

In academic year 2019, over **17,000** students enrolled in OER courses and saved more than **\$920k** in digital textbook costs.

### Remedial Reform:

#### *Meeting Students Where They Are*

Saves Colorado families more than **\$8M** per year in tuition costs.  
Saves the state nearly **\$4.5M** in General Fund expenditures annually.

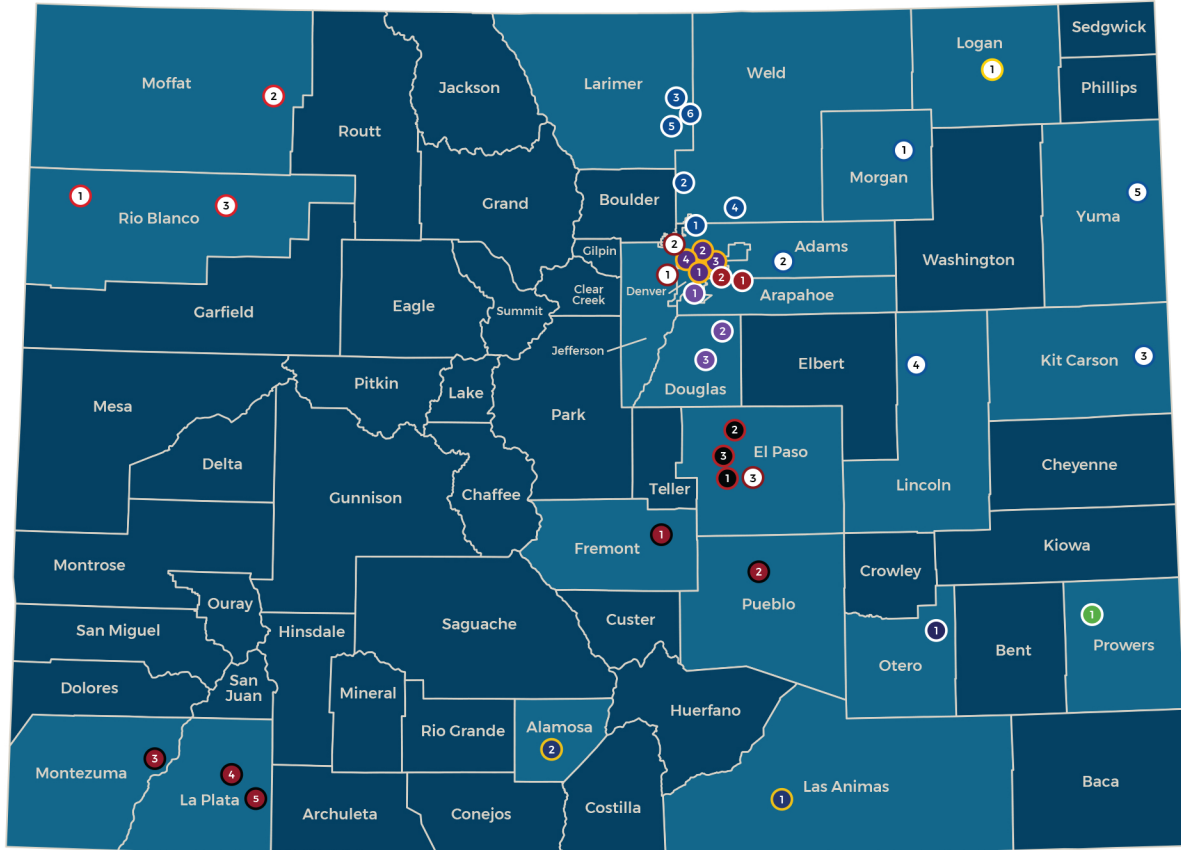
### Transfer:

#### *Degrees with Designation*

**20%** of CCCS students (19,000) transfer annually to a four-year institution, saving a minimum of **\$8k** each in tuition by spending their first two years with us.



# 13 Colleges. 40 Locations. Online Everywhere.



**ACC Arapahoe Community College**

- ① Littleton Campus
- ② Parker Campus
- ③ Castle Rock - Sturm Collaboration Campus

**Colorado Northwestern Community College**

- ① Rangely Campus
- ② Craig Campus
- ③ Meeker Service Center

**Community College Of Aurora**

- ① CentreTech Campus
- ② Lowry Campus

**Community College Of Denver**

- ① Auraria Campus
- ② Advanced Manufacturing Center
- ③ Lowry Campus
- ④ CEC Early College

**FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- ① Westminster Campus
- ② Boulder County Campus
- ③ Larimer Campus
- ④ Brighton Center
- ⑤ Loveland Learning Center
- ⑥ Prospect Center

**LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- ① Lamar Campus

**MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- ① Fort Morgan
- ② Bennett Center
- ③ Burlington Center
- ④ Limon Center
- ⑤ Wray Center

**NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE**

- ① Sterling Campus

**Otero Junior College**

- ① La Junta Campus

**PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- ① Centennial Campus
- ② Rampart Range Campus
- ③ Downtown Studio Campus

**Pueblo Community College**

- ① Pueblo Campus
- ② Fremont Campus
- ③ Southwest Campus - Mancos
- ④ Southwest Site - Durango
- ⑤ Southwest Site - Bayfield

**RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- ① Lakewood Campus
- ② Arvada Campus
- ③ The Mill - Colorado Springs\*

\*Limited Fine Woodworking courses

**TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE**

- ① Trinidad Campus
- ② Valley Campus