

Phase III

**STATEWIDE ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT**

Between

COLORADO PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES:

Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System
Arapahoe Community College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Community College of Aurora
Community College of Denver
Front Range Community College
Lamar Community College
Morgan Community College
Northeastern Junior College
Otero Junior College
Pikes Peak Community College
Pueblo Community College
Red Rocks Community College
Trinidad State Junior College
Aims Community College
Colorado Mountain College

and

the following

COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Adams State College (Interdisciplinary Studies)
Colorado State University at Pueblo (Liberal Studies)
Fort Lewis College (Interdisciplinary Studies)
Mesa State College (Liberal Arts)
Metropolitan State College of Denver (Behavioral Science, and Human Development)
University of Colorado at Boulder (History)
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (English, History/Social Studies,
Modern Foreign Languages, Science, and Mathematics)
University of Colorado at Denver (Individually Structured Major)
University of Northern Colorado (Interdisciplinary Studies)
Western State College (Interdisciplinary Studies)

In accordance with C.R.S. 23-1-108.5 (1) and C.R.S. 108 (7)(a) the participating institutions agree to the following policies governing the transfer of credit earned at a Colorado community college into a degree program for students seeking elementary education licensure offered at any of the Colorado public four-year colleges and universities listed above.

Section I: Graduate Requirements for Students Seeking Elementary Education Licensure

- A. Institutional graduation requirements, including minimum number of hours and minimum grade average.

A transfer student who is seeking elementary education licensure will meet the same graduation requirements as a native student, including enrollment in an approved teacher preparation program, grade point average, and enrollment in specified courses that align with Colorado standards. A transfer student from a Colorado public community college who has earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree designated for the elementary education track as defined in this agreement will need to complete no more than 66 credits to earn the baccalaureate degree at the four-year institution (60 plus 60-66 transfer agreement).

- B. Universal transfer courses for the elementary teacher education program.

A community college student who is planning to become an Elementary Education Teacher will sign a graduation plan at the community college that identifies the first 45 credit hours that are guaranteed to transfer to particular teacher education programs (see page one) that are offered by Colorado public institutions of higher education. The courses are listed in Table I of this agreement.

To complete the A.A. graduation requirements, students, who have completed or are currently enrolled in courses that will total the first 45 credits, will apply to a specific teacher education program and be advised on the final 15 credits guaranteed to transfer. Students who do not plan to transfer immediately may participate in the co-enrollment and are entitled to the same transfer benefits when they apply for admission in the future.

- C. Second Year, Second Semester of Graduation Agreement (final 15 credit hours)

During the first semester of the student's sophomore year (or the equivalent term when the student will complete the 45 credits outlined in the elementary education graduation agreement), the student will sign an agreement for the final 15 credit hours that will be co-signed by both the community college and the four-year college. In essence the student will be co-enrolled at both institutions – eligible to enroll in courses at either institution that are guaranteed to apply to graduation requirements at both institutions.

Co-enrollment entitles the student to:

- Advice from the four-year institution on the 15 credit hours that will be guaranteed to apply to the graduation requirements that lead to an elementary education licensure.
- A graduation plan that meets the community colleges' Associate of Arts requirements and transfer of any credits earned at the four-year institution as meeting the A.A. graduation requirements.
- Ability to enroll in selected courses offered at the four-year institution, including on-line or on-campus classes if not available at the community college.

- D. A transfer student must apply and be successfully admitted to the school of education or appropriate education program at the receiving four-year institution in order to complete the licensure program. In general, admission to a four-year teacher education program requires a 2.75 grade point average and between 50 - 100 hours of evidence of successful experience with children ages 4 to 12.

TABLE 1: Guaranteed General Education and Major Courses for Elementary Education Students.

	Credit Hours	Community College Course Number	Course Title	Condition
General Education Courses				39
English	3 3	ENG 121 and ENG 122	College Composition and Composition II	B or better (see IIA 3 below)
Speech	3	SPE 115	Public Speaking	
Math	6	MAT 155 and MAT 156	Integrated Math I And Integrated Math II	
Humanities	3	LIT 115 or LIT 201 or LIT 202 or LIT 211 or LIT 221	Introduction to Literature Masterpieces of Literature I Masterpieces of Literature II Survey of American Lit I Survey of British Literature I	
Science	12*	SCI 155 (4) and SCI 156 (4) Plus one of the following GEY 111 or BIO 105 or BIO 111 or CHE 101 or 111 or PHY 105 or 111 or 211	Integrated Science I and Integrated Science II Physical Geology Science of Biology or General College Biology I Intro to Chemistry I/General College Chemistry I or Conceptual Physics/Physics: Algebra-Based I/II	All science courses must be lab based
Social Sciences	9	GEO 105 and HIST 201 and POS 111	World Regional Geography U.S. History I American Government	
Education Requirements				6
Education	3 3	EDU 221 and PSY 238	Intro to Education and Child Development	
TOTAL				45 Credit Hours

Some institutions may require prescribed general education courses (e.g., music) in addition to the courses listed above. If so, these must either be included among the final co-enrolled 15 credit hours (see "C" above) at the community college or must be completed at the four-year institution to complete the baccalaureate degree.

*For the 2004-2005 academic year only, students may take SCI 155 and SCI 156, plus one of the other science courses listed about, or 12 credit hours of the remaining science courses listed above. Effective Fall 2005 Integrated Science I and Integrated Science II plus one other approved lab-based science course will be required.

Section II - Transfer of Credit

- A. Policies for accepting grades in transfer.
 - 1. Only academic courses with a letter grade of "C" or better will be accepted for transfer.
 - 2. Courses with grades of "F", "D", "IP", "I", "U", "AU", and "Z" are not transferable.
 - 3. Only courses with grade of "B-" or better are accepted for English Composition (ENG 121). This is a standard teacher education admission standard in Colorado.

- B. The four-year college or university will accept all credits in the student's teacher education graduation agreement earned within ten years of transfer. Courses earned more than ten years earlier will be evaluated on an individual basis.

- C. This transfer credit is guaranteed under the condition that the community college maintains current accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Section III: Student Appeals Process

An appeal related to denial of transfer credits will follow the Colorado Commission on Higher Education student appeal process.

This agreement will remain in force effective the date of signature until a new Statewide Elementary Teacher Education Articulation Agreement is negotiated.

Chief Academic Officer

President/Chancellor

Institution

Date