



COLORADO

Department of
Higher Education

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Meeting	Academic Council December 9, 2025 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Location	Remote ONLY
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 897 3400 4119 Passcode: 035668
Meeting Participants	Provosts and Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) of the public institutions of higher education
Meeting Objectives	Members advise the Department on policy development and implementation, as well as other matters affecting higher education.

AGENDA

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Approval of October Meeting Notes
[see handout: 2025-10-14 NOTES-AC.pdf]
3. Announcements and Discussion Items
 - a. Proposed meeting schedule for 2026

Date	Date
January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8

- b. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner
- c. Discussion on reduced credit bachelor's degrees (Brad Griffith)
 - Refer to 120 credit-hour minimum: [C.R.S. 23-1-125\(2\) Degree requirements](#)
 - Refer to HLC's [Evaluating Reduced-Credit Bachelor's Degree Programs](#)

- d. Transfer initiatives update (Carl Einhaus)
 - Higher Education Transfer Audit
 - CCHE Transfer Subcommittee
4. New, modified, and closed programs
- a. New
 - Colorado State University Global Campus
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Financial Analytics with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Long Term Care Administration with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Operations and Supply Chain Management with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Public Health Leadership with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Python and Data Analytics with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Python Application Development with Leadership Fundamentals
 - Colorado State University Pueblo
 - Master of Science in Civil Engineering
 - Western Colorado University
 - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Accelerated
 - b. Modified
 - None
 - c. Closed Programs
 - Colorado State University
 - Graduate Certificate in Postsecondary Access and Success Programs
 - Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs Management of Auxiliary Enterprises

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned
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