



# *We are changing the way Colorado goes to college.*

As the largest higher education system in the state, the Colorado Community College System is helping 137,000 students change their lives. And we're just getting started. **At CCCS, we've made a pledge to Colorado to keep tuition low, quality high, and to deliver skilled workers to the workforce.** We admit anyone who wants to go to college and is college-ready. From career changers gaining new skills to working adults earning certificates and degrees to high school and college students seeking an affordable start to their education — in Colorado, we have a class with your name on it.

**We are the largest higher education system in the state, serving approximately**

**137,000 students.**

We help students find continued success in their academic and career journey, whether that's through concurrent enrollment, workforce training, transfer pathways, or in-demand certificates and degrees.

## CCCS Across Colorado



**13**  
Colleges



**40**  
Locations

**48%**

We serve nearly half of all undergraduate students of color in Colorado

**33.8%**

We serve over 1/4 of the state's resident undergraduate students who attend public institutions

**94%**

Almost all of our FTE students are Colorado residents

## Our CCCS Community

- 120,000** Undergraduates at CCCS colleges
- 103,800** High school CTE students
- 17,000** Training and workforce development students
- 25,513** Concurrently enrolled high school students
- 11,000+** Annual transfers to 4-year colleges & universities
- 7,036** Veterans and actively serving students
- 37%** Students of color at CCCS colleges
- 55%** Female Students at CCCS colleges

## Career & Technical Education



We offer a number of career and technical education certificates and degrees from aviation maintenance to zoo keeping technology, and in 2017 alone, we awarded **13,932** CTE degrees to post-secondary students and another **1,591** to secondary students. Approximately 3/4 of all credentials awarded by CCCS last year were in CTE programs.

## *We Train Colorado's Workforce*

We promise hands-on, relevant training for all who seek to sharpen skills, get certified, and even change their careers — and their lives.



**169K**

Workers in Colorado trained through our programs



**50%**

More than half of the state's nurses go through our programs



**90%**

We train nearly all of the state's first responders

# Helping High Schoolers Take The Next Steps

We're working hard to create pathways from high school into higher education. We know that our dual enrollment programs – which have seen a 52% increase in enrollment over the last 5 years – are saving families money and ensuring that Colorado's students are ready to take on college.



**25,513**

High School students in undergraduate courses



**1,920**

College credentials awarded to concurrently enrolled students



**\$110M**

How much we've helped students and their families save

## A Pathway to Transfer

Many of our students choose CCCS as the first step toward a four-year degree, so we provide them a support system and guidance to help them achieve their dreams. In fact, last year more than 11,000 of our students transferred to public and private four-year colleges and universities.



## 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**

That's the annual impact CCCS has on the state.



**13.5%**

Per year: State and local governments earn a significant return on investment when they invest in CCCS.

## Health Science Degrees Propel Student Earnings Even Higher



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



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



**40%** Health sciences graduates earn nearly half of all degrees and certificates we award

## Serious ROI for our Students: The Value of our Degrees

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

**\$4,606** Average cost of a year at a CCCS College

For every \$1 a student invests at our colleges, they receive nearly 4x as much in lifetime earnings **\$4.30**

**14.8%** The average annual rate of return students receive from their investment in a CCCS college

*We've Made a Pledge to Colorado. But It's Really a Pledge to You.*

Learn more at [www.cccs.edu](http://www.cccs.edu)

## Preparing Students for Success

CCCS is a national leader in developmental education and remedial reform, enhancing college success rates for students who need to improve their college readiness.

**20,645** Students Served in 2016-17  
**17%** Percent of CCCS Students Served

## We Reach Higher



We offer bachelor of applied science degrees across a growing number of disciplines.



Red Rocks Community College is the only community college in the US to offer a master's degree.