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Great News About Credentialing!

In order to provide quality service, be responsive to the needs of each institution, align with changes in CTE at the national and state level and address audit recommendations, CCCS is implementing a revised credentialing process, effective July 1, 2007.

As you may recall, the State Auditor's Report had six recommendations specific to the issuance and standards of credentials and the Credentialing Department's business practices. Four of these six recommendations already have been implemented. One of the remaining recommendations, being completed and to be implemented on July 1, 2007, is to revise the Credentialing Criteria. In the process of this revision, we have made two important improvements: first, to align with national initiatives, each Colorado Credential will be issued at the "Pathway Level" giving the teachers, instructors and faculty greater flexibility to teach under each Pathway; and second (applying to postsecondary only), the approved specialized classes that had been previously taught exclusively at CSU will be expanded to include an offering at the community colleges for postsecondary instructors and faculty.

Additionally, an Oversight Committee will be designated by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. The role of the Committee, on behalf of the Board, is to review and update the credentialing criteria, occupational experience and renewal requirements for each type of credential. Members on this Committee will consist of a community college vice president, an AVS/Technical College representative, community college deans, a local secondary CTE director, a secondary teacher, a postsecondary faculty member, the CCCS CTE Dean and the credentialing supervisor.

The Colorado Community College System will maintain responsibility for the administration and monitoring of the Colorado Credentialing program; however, all postsecondary credentials will be issued at the local level and recorded through the CCCS Banner ERP system. All secondary credentials will continue to be issued from CCCS.

There will be more details on our website (<http://www.coloradostateplan.com>) before June 30 to include the specific criteria of the various pathways and the process of issuing the credentials. This is Phase I of implementation of the changes in Credentialing. We are continuing to look at other possibilities for streamlining the secondary credentials.

These improvements are the culmination of the work by representatives from secondary and postsecondary institutions across the state and CCCS staff. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the process.

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