CONTINUING EDUCATION

The mission of the Division of Continuing Education is to provide quality, innovative, lifelong learning opportunities to a diverse student population by extending the educational resources of the University of Colorado Boulder. A variety of credit courses, seminars, noncredit, certificate, and degree programs are offered through Continuing Education, which also administers CU Boulder’s Summer Session. Only university-approved faculty teach in Continuing Education programs.

ACCESS and High School Concurrent Programs

In conjunction with CU Boulder academic departments, ACCESS (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/access) (Available Credit Courses for Eligible Special Students) enables nondegree students to enroll in Boulder main campus undergraduate and graduate credit courses after degree-seeking students have registered. Colorado high school juniors and seniors interested in the challenge of university course work may enroll in ACCESS as part of the High School Concurrent Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/high-school-concurrent). In addition to earning college credit, students may also earn credit toward high school graduation requirements.

Applied Music Program

The Applied Music Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/applied-music) offers non-music majors the opportunity to earn CU credit for beginning or continuing music lessons on guitar, piano, voice, winds, brass, drums, percussion or strings. Instruction is available in individual or group sessions depending on the instrument.

CU Complete

The goal of CU Complete (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/cu-complete) is to assist former CU Boulder students in the completion of their degrees. Advisors work with each student individually and offer a degree analysis, recommendations, resources and assistance in completing remaining requirements.

Evening Credit Program

Offered in conjunction with CU Boulder’s academic departments, the Evening Credit Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/evening-credit) provides credit courses in the evening on the Boulder campus. These affordable, smaller-sized classes are provided through various departments.

Extraordinary Program

The Extraordinary Program offers alternative solutions to meet unique needs of academic programs and departments across campus in terms of special student populations, customized schedules and specific financial arrangements. There are over 200 courses offered annually, ranging from one-day workshops to courses that span multiple semesters. The program benefits the goals of 30 different departments and serves a wide variety of students, including first generation college-bound high school students, art post-bacc students, speech, language and hearing sciences professionals, K-12 teachers from local schools districts across the nation and the world, degree-seeking students from CU Boulder and other institutions and more. The program also enrolls students in graduate degree and certificate programs from nearly all schools and colleges.

Individualized Instruction

Individualized Instruction provides an opportunity for students to receive credit for university courses by meeting with faculty members outside the regular classroom setting. This option may be used when the student cannot reasonably be expected to enroll in the main campus course.

International English Center

The International English Center (http://iec.colorado.edu) (IEC) offers a range of comprehensive English language and culture programs designed for international children, teens, pre-collegiate, undergraduate and graduate students, working professionals, au pairs, and special groups. Students build and refine their communication skills through engaging classroom instruction, experiential learning, extended practice and cultural activities. Full and part-time programs are available. Students can choose from classroom, hybrid and online formats. Programs include intensive English, ESL academic bridge (for conditionally admitted CU Boulder students), ESL credit for undergraduate and graduate students, EducationUSA Academy for international high school students, test preparation, language and culture for au pairs, global professional English, military English and leadership communication, teacher training and customized options for special groups. The IEC is authorized to issue a form I-20 for qualified students seeking to study full-time on an F-1 visa. For some programs, qualified exchange visitors may request a form DS-2019 from the IEC to apply for a J-1 visa.

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (http://msol.colorado.edu) is an interdisciplinary, fully online professional master’s degree that prepares early- to mid-career professionals to succeed as tomorrow’s dynamic leaders. Through coursework that blends business, communications, and social sciences, the program develops the knowledge and skills students need to think critically about organizational challenges and how to address them using best practices. Students learn to align others around a shared vision, build and manage effective teams, and apply the leadership skills necessary to excel in an increasingly fast-paced and complex work world.

Online Credit Program

The Online Credit Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/online-credit) offers online versions of approved CU Boulder courses from more than 25 departments on campus. Online courses hold the same breadth, depth and rigor as face-to-face courses while offering students more control over when and where they complete their coursework. A rich collaboration among faculty and instructional designers with expertise in learning technology focuses on ongoing enhancements of quality and innovation. Courses range from traditional semester-long courses to shorter intensive terms and self-paced courses.

Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/post-baccalaureate-health-professions) is a partnership between the College of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Continuing Education. It is designed for career changers who were
academically successful as undergraduates but have not completed the prerequisite science courses needed to apply to graduate medical programs. Students enter the program in a cohort and take all course work together. Academic advising, tutoring and preparation for applying to medical schools are provided.

Science Discovery

Science Discovery (http://sciencediscovery.colorado.edu) is a science education outreach organization designed to heighten student interest and increase literacy in science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). Science Discovery connects K–12 students and teachers to current CU science through a broad array of programs including summer camps, summer high school enrichment, out-of-school time classes, homeschool programs, in-school programs, teacher professional development workshops and Teen Science Cafés. Programs capitalize on CU Boulder’s scientific resources, facilities and expertise (including CU graduate and undergraduate students) in order to excite students about STEAM, expose them to a variety of STEAM careers and professionals and inspire a future generation of scientists and engineers. Science Discovery reaches more than 30,000 students and teachers throughout Colorado.

Winter Session

Winter Session (http://www.colorado.edu/winter) allows students to immerse themselves in captivating subjects in unique destinations. Winter Session courses provide students with exciting off-campus learning experiences where they can gain field or lab experience for credit while working alongside CU Boulder’s leading faculty experts.

Youth Piano Lessons Featuring CU Instructors

The CU Youth Piano Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/youth-piano) trains students through weekly group and private lessons. Instructors are experienced teachers from the CU College of Music. The lessons provide thorough instruction at the highest and most effective pedagogical standards while providing opportunities for fun, motivation and enjoyment of music.

Summer Session

Summer Session (http://www.colorado.edu/summer) offers more than 600 campus courses and enrolls about 8,000 students in a relaxed, comfortable learning environment. Online and on-campus courses are available to students who wish to enhance or accelerate their academic progress. Courses are also open to students visiting from other colleges, teachers, high school students or others interested in pursuing their professional development or enrichment.

Special three-week summer sessions are offered throughout the summer season to provide intense, accelerated courses for those who need academic credits in an abbreviated time period.

Learn more about summer dates and deadlines and tuition at the Summer Session (https://www.colorado.edu/summer) website.

Auditing

Auditing allows interested individuals the opportunity to attend university classes for no academic credit. Auditors must receive permission and obtain a signature from course instructors during the first week of class to be formally added to the roster.

Audited courses will appear on a special non-academic credit transcript; however, no academic credit is awarded. Registered auditors receive class instruction, access to online course materials and library privileges only. Being an auditor at the University of Colorado Boulder does not guarantee eligibility for regular degree or nondegree status.

Note: Admitted degree students, either enrolled or suspended, are not permitted to audit courses. If an admitted degree student is interested in participating in a class without receiving credit, the student must enroll in the course for no credit. Courses taken for no credit are assessed the same tuition rate as courses taken for credit.

Community Auditors

Community members age 18–54 can register for the Community Auditors program through Continuing Education by completing the Community Auditor Registration Form on the Community Auditors (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/community-auditors) webpage. Contact ceregistration@colorado.edu or call 303-492-5148 for more information.

With instructor permissions, community auditors pay a set rate to audit as many classes as desired. Nonrefundable payment is due at the time of enrollment.

Senior Auditors Program

Individuals 55 years and older can register for the Senior Auditors Program through Continuing Education by completing the Senior Auditors Program Registration Form on the Community Auditors (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/community-auditors) webpage. Contact ceregistration@colorado.edu or call 303-492-5148 for more information.

Office for Outreach and Engagement

Public outreach and community engagement are crucial to the University of Colorado Boulder’s role as a comprehensive public research university and are vital to the Division of Continuing Education’s mission. The Office for Outreach and Engagement (http://www.colorado.edu/outreach/ooe) serves the CU Boulder campus and the state by helping to connect research, teaching and creative work with public needs and interests. The office administers the CU Boulder Outreach Awards for faculty-led outreach and engagement projects, manages the campus-wide Public Outreach and Community Engagement (http://www.colorado.edu/outreach/) website, assists with program and proposal design, leads strategic outreach initiatives, organizes the CU on the Weekend lecture series and provides public relations support.