

Colorado Community Colleges Institutional Research Acronyms, Jargon & Resources

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| Accuplacer | Placement test for English, Reading, Math. Now used by all Colorado community colleges. |
| AIR | Association for Institutional Research: http://airweb.org/ |
| AMSTAT | American Statistical Association: http://www.amstat.org/index.html |
| Annualized FTE | Full-time Equivalent Enrollment for budgetary purposes (total credits/30) |
| BRS | Billing/Receivable System (a component of the central community college information system) |
| CAPIR | Colorado Association of Planners and Institutional Researchers |
| CCCOES | Colorado Community Colleges and Occupational Education System (now CCCS) |
| CCOnline | Colorado Community College Online (centralized delivery of online courses) |
| CCCS | Colorado Community College System (formerly CCCOES) – http://www.rightchoice.org/ |
| CCCS-IT | Colorado Community College System Information Technology Support unit |
| CCHE | Colorado Commission on Higher Education: http://www.state.co.us/cche_dir/heccche.html |
| CCCNS | Colorado Common Course Numbering System – further information can be found at: http://www.ccs.edu/ccns/Home.html |
| CDE | Colorado Department of Education: http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_home.htm |
| CDLE | Colorado Department of Labor and Employment reference: http://www.coworkforce.com/ |
| CDS | Common Data Set: collaborative initiative among higher ed data providers to improve consistency of data and reduce reporting burdens. Found at www.commondataset.org . |
| Census | Normally refers to the last date a student can drop a class for refund. |
| CIP code | Classification of Instructional Program code – 6-digit "universal" code assigned to each academic program and subject area that allows for consistent categorization of similar programs (found on SIS screens/tables 134 and SSA). Reference: http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2002/cip2000/ |
| CIP Funding category | The first two digits of the CIP code used for budgetary purposes and in determining if a program/course is high-cost, medium cost, or low cost to provide. |
| Clearinghouse National Student Loan Clearinghouse | provides centralized processing of student financial aid information. Also provides additional services such as DegreeVerify, EnrollmentVerify and EnrollmentSearch: http://www.nslc.org/ |

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| Co-enroll | Normally refers to the high school co-enroll students who are concurrently enrolled in both high school and college courses. |
| DAG | Data Advisory Group – a statewide data advisory group for CCHE. |
| Datamall | Is the Data Warehouse |
| Data Warehouse | Data Warehouse maintained by CCCS-IT to improve consistency of data and reduce reporting burden/programming at the community colleges. http://datamall.acc.ccoes.edu/ |
| Dual enrollment | Same as Co-enroll |
| FAM | Financial Aid Management (a component of the central community college information system) |
| FERPA | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 – governs student rights concerning their education records including right to inspect and review, right to seek amendments to records, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of information from their records. http://www.ed.gov/offices/Oll/fpco/ |
| FFTE | Faculty full-time equivalent (related to faculty workload) |
| FTE | Normally refers to student Full-time Equivalent Enrollment – semester FTE = total credits/15. Annualized FTE = total credits/30. |
| FTE Guidelines | The state guidelines that prescribe students, credits, and/or programs that may be counted toward the FTE that is reported to the state for state reimbursement/subsidy. |
| FRS | Financial Record System (a component of the central community college information system) |
| Focus | A program language to pull data from the central information system. |
| HRS | Human Resource System (a component of the central community college information system) |
| IPEDS | Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System – mandated federal reporting system administered through NCES. http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/ |
| IRAG | Institutional Research Advisory Group (statewide community college group) |
| NCES | National Center for Education Statistics - http://nces.ed.gov/ |
| academic | Program Approval Process through CCCS to approve programs. http://ctep.ccoes.edu/progappr/login.jsp |
| PSEO | Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act – prescribes high school co-enroll options. |
| QIS | Quality Indicator System (Administered by CCHE for all Colorado colleges) |
| RMAIR | Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research – regional org. of AIR |

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| SBCCOES | State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education System – a governing body. http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/SBCCOE/Policies/Foreword.html |
| SFTE | Student Full-time Equivalent – see FTE. |
| SHEEO | State Higher Education Executive Officers: http://www.sheeo.org/ |
| SIS | Student Information System (a component of the central community college information system) |
| SURDS | Student Unit Record Data System (includes Student Enrollment File, Degrees Granted and Undergraduate applicant File) |
| UAF | Undergraduate Applicant File (part of SURDS – to report assessment info.) |
| VE135 | A CCCS reporting system to primarily report enrollment and follow-up employment information for vocational students – impacts distribution of federal funds. |
| Warehouse | Data Warehouse maintained by CCCS-IT to improve consistency of data and reduce reporting burden/programming at the community colleges. http://datamall.acc.ccoes.edu/ |
| WIA | Workforce Investment Act (we are required to report info. On students who are funded through this Act) http://eligibility.cdle.state.co.us/ |
| WICHE or WUE | Western Undergraduate Exchange – usually refers to agreement to charge lower rates to residents of surrounding states. |