



## DIVISION OF EXTENDED STUDIES

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### Rural Outreach

Under the direction of Jacob Walter, Extended Studies' new Rural Outreach Specialist, Extended Studies has the ability to reach rural communities and provide the opportunity of earning an education. By engaging with our partners across rural Colorado we have begun to develop programs and opportunities in these rural communities. The Rural Outreach Specialist continues working with high schools and their students to explore options after high school, communicating with our community college partners, engaging with high schools to offer on campus concurrent options, and much more. By working together we are able to create the best opportunities!

Are you interested in learning more about Extended Studies' initiatives towards rural outreach? Please email Jacob Walter at [jacob.walter@csupueblo.edu](mailto:jacob.walter@csupueblo.edu)

Bio: Jacob Walter joined the Extended Studies team in June. He is a graduate of CSU Fort Collins and worked for an international non-profit before pursuing a career in secondary education. He was honored in 2021 as a recipient of the Denver Business Journal's Who's Who in Agriculture and as a Who's Who in America honoree. Jacob has enjoyed using his knowledge of rural Colorado to support local goals and maintain the unique identity of every rural community!

### EXTENDED STUDIES: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Extended Studies is pleased to report that CSU Pueblo Online continues to grow each semester at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Fall 2022 enrollment totaled 380 undergraduate and graduate students. Extended Studies is particularly proud of the internal data that demonstrated that the 88% of Spring 2022 students enrolled in a CSU Pueblo Online course successfully completed the course.

CSU Pueblo Online's Construction Management program added four new certificates and Construction Management minor. The new certificates and Construction Management minor are starting fall 2023.

Extended Studies' Independent Study program is working with two educational partners in China to assist students who are unable to complete their degree programs in the U.S. due to COVID restrictions. These new partnerships have resulted in nearly 300 individual new course registrations.

The Teacher Education Program (TEP) in Graduate Studies is expanding exponentially. The program now has more than 45 various providers and served more than 8,000 students. Many TEP students transfer into the CSU Pueblo Online M.Ed. program, since education credits obtained through TEP can count towards their M.Ed.

Extended Studies as a division continues to grow. There have been several members that joined the ES team since August of 2022. The most recent hire being the Associate Dean of Adult Learning. We are pleased and excited to welcome Kevin Van Winkle to Extended Studies.

We have several more positions opening on the horizon and are grateful for our ever expanding department so that we can stay true to our goal to provide access to education to part-time students.

Extended Studies is grateful to our Academic Partners in the College whose continued growth mindset assist our initiatives in building opportunities for new enrollment. We are looking forward to all we can accomplish in 2023!

**This communication is a bi-monthly newsletter informing campus and the community of updates, announcements, and highlights happening within the CSU Pueblo Division of Extended Studies.**