



EXTENDED STUDIES  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PUEBLO

**Congratulations to our 2025  
graduates!**

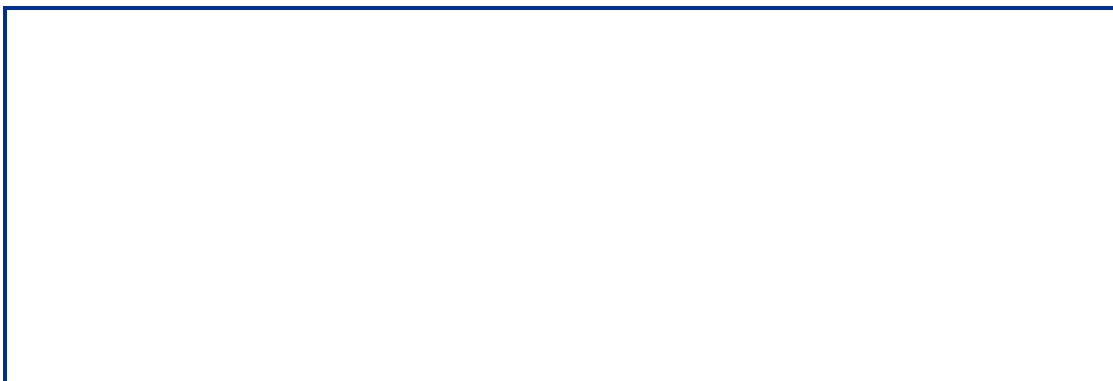


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**What's new in ES?**





Colorado State University Pueblo partners with Northeastern Junior College to expand offerings in accounting and agribusiness!

Under the new collaboration, NJC students who successfully complete their associate program can move into CSU Pueblo's accounting and agribusiness bachelor's degree programs. Once admitted, students will participate in achieving their bachelor's degree through a variety of educational methods including fully online, face-to-face, and flex classes where students can choose to either attend face-to-face or participate in the class at a remote location.

### Healthcare Heroes Week:





## A Tradition of Gratitude

In May 2024, Colorado State University Pueblo's Division of Extended Studies partnered with UC Health Parkview Medical Center during the national observance of **Health Care Week**. The appreciation event recognized the vital contributions of doctors, nurses, support staff, and medical teams who serve our Pueblo community with dedication and care. Food and refreshments were provided as a small token of thanks to these frontline professionals—many of whom are also valued employer partners.

## DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



### Independent Study

#### Expanding Access to Education Scholarship for Incarcerated Students

The Independent Study program prides itself on expanding resources and access to higher education for justice-involved and in custody at correctional facilities across the country. This year, our program worked with students and the community to build and grow scholarship opportunities for justice-involved students. In the Spring 2025 semester, we partnered with Canvas Credit Union and awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to some exceptional correspondence students. Additionally, we awarded one \$800 scholarship from the Levitt Fund.

The Levitt Fund grew this semester with some great fundraising efforts. We raised \$705.21 during CSU Pueblo's Give Day with another \$451.80 raised through the sale of Christopher Levitt's artwork during the showing at Blo Back Gallery during the month of March. Thank you to all who contributed to our

fundraising efforts!

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## Teacher Education Program (TEP)

### Spring into TEP: New Features, Big Plans

The Teacher Education Program (TEP) has undertaken two new initiatives this Spring in an effort to enhance the student experience and drive enrollment in Summer 2025.

A student survey was sent to nearly 5,000 students who registered for at least one TEP course in 2024. Ten percent of students have responded to the survey to date representing 18 states and 221 school districts in 196 cities. The student survey aims to gather student data on where and why students select TEP courses, their roles within their profession, and their satisfaction with their TEP courses, objectives, instructors, and overall experience. Data received so far shows that TEP students primarily take our courses for professional growth and to be eligible for salary increases. Their satisfaction with the program overall exceeds target benchmarks. The results will be shared with TEP providers as part of their annual review to help inform their instructional methods and course offerings and will help the TEP team in future marketing strategies.

TEP launched a number of marketing strategies in April in preparation for Summer 2025 course registration, which begins on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- The TEP website is being revamped to better showcase providers and their concentration areas to assist students with a more personalized experience to identify coursework. The new website should be launched before summer registrations begin.
- A national ad is running in Chalkbeat during the month of April. Chalkbeat is the leading non-profit news organization reporting on national and regional education news viewed by approximately 6,000 educators.
- During the month of May 14,000 postcards will be sent to bachelor-holding K-12 education professionals with a high likelihood for desiring graduate level coursework.
- Also in May, the same 5,000 students who received the student survey will receive a postcard during Teacher Appreciation Week with a promotion for summer scholarship opportunities and drawings for classroom supplies and other prizes.
- Bi-weekly social media TEP Spotlights continue to run on **LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram**.

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## High School Programs

### Dual Diplomas at 18: CSU Pueblo Student Reaches Rare Milestone

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the High School Programs team helped over 2,000 students across southern Colorado and beyond earn college credits while in high school. In the Senior to Sophomore (STS) program alone, students are on track to earn 9,975 college credits, with another 4,062 credits earned through Concurrent Enrollment. With high school graduation right around the corner, we'd like to congratulate all our graduating high school students on their academic achievement!

One student of our students is earning both a high school diploma and a bachelor's degree in the same year. This student participated in both the STS and Concurrent Enrollment programs to earn enough credit while in high school to finish a bachelor's degree. He will continue into the Master of Social Work program here at CSU Pueblo in Fall 2025 at the age of 18. What a remarkable achievement!

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## STUDENT RESOURCES

### PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA)

PLA as officially joined the CPL search network. The CPL Search Network is a search tool free to the public. This will help champion the needs of adult learners and workers! CSU Pueblo is the only school listed in Colorado.

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### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

We are excited to offer financial support options to our students. Please click the link below to discover these scholarship opportunities.

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## WOLF TRACKS PODCAST



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A podcast brought to you by Extended Studies highlighting the people and projects that we get to work with every day!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 13th**  
Healthcare Heroes Appreciation- UC Health

**Thursday, May 15th, 4:00 p.m.**  
Sturm Graduation Celebration  
Sturm Campus

**Saturday, May 17th, 8:30 a.m.**  
Colorado State University Pueblo Commencement  
Thunderbowl

**FFA Convention**  
Week of June 2nd - June 6th

**Begins Monday, June 16th**  
STEM Discovery Camp

**Ready, Set, Enroll Dates**  
\*\*Event Time for All Dates is 8 a.m. - noon\*\*  
July 26, 2025  
August 2, 2025  
August 23, 2025

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