Overview
Developed by the School of Education, this five-course online graduate certificate is designed for anyone working (or planning to work) in pre-college preparation access programs, postsecondary student opportunity programs, or student support positions.

Online graduate certificate programs from Colorado State University are ideal for working professionals. Aside from the flexibility of studying online, there are several benefits to participating in this program:

- Learn from scholar-practitioners who teach in the field of student affairs
- Collaborate and discuss course content with peers throughout the program
- Develop in-depth knowledge and practical, career-applicable skills
- Earned credits can be applied to a relevant master’s degree program, such as the online Master of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education*

Curriculum
Required courses (9 cr.)
- EDHE 655 – Foundations of College Opportunity Programs (3 cr.)
- EDHE 673 – Student Development Theory (3 cr.)
- EDHE 676 – Organizational Behavior and Campus Ecology (3 cr.)

Precollegiate courses (6 cr.)
- EDHE 651 – Pre-College Program Access Models (3 cr.)
- EDHE 653 – Pre-College Access Program Practice (3 cr.)

Postsecondary courses (6 cr.)
- EDHE 650 – College Opportunity Program Models (3 cr.)
- EDHE 656 – Postsecondary Opportunity Programs Practice (3 cr.)

*Note: You must be admitted into this program for the graduate certificate to appear on your official University transcript.

Note: This certificate may have courses in common with other graduate certificates. A student may earn more than one certificate, but a given course may be counted only in one certificate.

Delivery
Online

Credits
15 credits

Tuition
$665 per credit
- Includes Student Services
- Fees assessed separately
- Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame
Varies based on intensity of study and course availability

More info
online.colostate.edu/certificates/postsecondary-access/

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Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **July 15**  
Spring semester: **January 2**

1. **Review Admission Requirements**
   The online certificate requires that students have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.
   
   **Note:** Meeting the minimum requirements does not ensure admission to the certificate program.

2. **Prepare Application Materials**
   - **Two letters of recommendation** (professional and/or academic): You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.
   - **Resume:** Include any previous experience in student affairs, along with position titles, dates of employment, institutions, and major responsibilities.
   - **Statement of purpose:** Describe why you are interested in the program, and discuss your long-term professional or personal goals.

3. **Complete Online Application**
   Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.
   - Choose “Postsecondary Access and Success Programs (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

4. **Request Transcripts**
   Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.
   - Send e-transcripts to: [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)
   - Send paper copies to:  
     Graduate Admissions  
     Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
     1062 Campus Delivery  
     Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

**Check Your Application Status**
View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

**International Students**
See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.