



Academic Council

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1:00-3:00pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway - Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

Call-in Number: 1-877-820-7831; Access code: 368215# (NEW!)

To join the webinar: <http://connect.enetcolorado.org/r6rviwp1tfy/>

Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: 2015-04-14- NOTES-AC.docx]
3. Legislative Update – *Kachina Weaver, CDHE*
4. GE Council Update – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE*

IPEDS changed the definition of these two certificates:

- Postbaccalaureate (equivalent to 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree, but does not meet the requirements of a master's degree.)

- Post-master's (equivalent to 24 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of a doctoral degree.)

IPEDS removed the credit hour requirements in parentheses. The change will be made to CDHE's website at: <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/DegreePrograms/default.html>

- Postbaccalaureate (An award that requires completion of an organized program of study beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree, but does not meet the requirements of a master's degree. NOTE: Even though Teacher Preparation certificate programs may require a bachelor's degree for admission, they are considered subbaccalaureate undergraduate programs, and students in these programs are undergraduate students.)

- Post-master's (An award that requires completion of an organized program beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.)

5. Thought Leadership in College Completion – Focused Discussion Series
 - a. A Conversation with Peter T. Ewell, Vice President, NCHEMS
“Transforming Institutional Accreditation in U.S. Higher Education”
(see attached paper by Peter T. Ewell.)



6. Getting started with Prior Learning Assessment process

Ian is collecting cut scores for AP, IB, CLEP, and DSST exams from all institutions. Once we have the cut score tables completed, we will send them out for you to make sure the information is correct. This will occur over the summer months, with completed tables expected by early June. The next phase will be to determine on which exams institutions have the closest alignment. CDHE staff will attempt to select the exams where we feel we are closest to agreement, which will enable AC members to focus your conversations with faculty on those exams during fall 2015. The list of “closely aligned” exams will be sent out prior to the August AC meeting, with discussion at the August meeting.