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UCCS – Project Lead the Way
Policy Changes

Effective fall of 2018, National PLTW decided to discontinue having university affiliates. Consequently, National PLTW has decided to centralize Core Training in four regions of the United States. Due to this change, beginning June 1, 2022, The University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) will no longer offer dual credit to Colorado PLTW students.

UCCS recognizes the time, effort, resources, and dedication that Colorado PLTW schools and teachers have invested in PLTW programs. UCCS also recognizes the value that PLTW classes give to students' education. Being unable to serve as a university affiliate means that UCCS no longer has any oversight in these classes or in the Core Training of the teachers, and, therefore, it would not support the University of Colorado’s ideals of integrity and ethics to assign dual credit for courses in which the University has no supervision over.

Pursuant to these changes, UCCS’s Online & Academic Outreach Department has implemented the following policies:

1) UCCS will honor PLTW credit for Colorado high school students taking PLTW courses through May of 2022. As of June 1, 2022, UCCS will not offer dual credit for PLTW courses. (If a school’s academic year goes into the first week of June 2022, those courses will be offered for dual credit)

2) UCCS will accept new Colorado PLTW teachers offering dual credit if they are teaching in an already approved school. (Colorado school that UCCS has already partnered with for PLTW dual credit courses)

3) UCCS will not accept any new PLTW schools. Only existing PLTW affiliated schools will be accepted for offering dual credit.

4) Should PLTW’s university affiliate policies change, UCCS will revisit the dual credit model and make possible revisions.

UCCS will continue to support and grow the CU Succeed program. If you are a teacher who qualifies to teach in the CU Succeed program, you can apply to be an honorarium faculty member and can submit your course/s to be reviewed for offering dual credit. For more information about CU Succeed, please visit www.uccs.edu/outreach/cu-succeed

UCCS will continue to identify new opportunities and ways to support Colorado high schools, teachers, and students in any and all ways it possibly can.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Online & Academic Outreach Department. Email: pltw@uccs.edu Phone: 719-255-3498

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