

AY15 Fact Book Highlights

Front Range Community College, created in 1968, is the largest of the 13 community colleges in the Colorado Community College System. Our service area, as defined by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, spans the entire northern Front Range from north Denver to Wyoming. The service area intersects seven counties: Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Jefferson, Larimer, and Weld. In AY15 (summer 2014, fall 2014, and spring 2015), the college-wide unduplicated headcount was 27,926 (11,888.6 FTE). Many of these students were concurrently enrolled at more than one FRCC location.



Mission

We enrich lives through learning.

Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, accredits Front Range Community College. During the commission's site visit in early 2008, FRCC was granted continued accreditation, with the next scheduled comprehensive visit in 2018. In addition to this institutional accreditation, there are many programs that are accredited by organizations specific to their discipline.

AY15 FTE generated by Campus Locations

- **Boulder County** campus: 1,645.3 FTE.
- **Brighton Center** generated 154.8 FTE.
- **FRCC Online** campus generated 1,502.3 FTE.
- **Larimer** campus generated 3,803.5 postsecondary FTE.
- **Westminster** campus generated 3,471.0 FTE.
- **CCCS Online (through FRCC)** generated 1,311.7 FTE.

Faculty and Staff

As of November 2014, there were 1,459 faculty and staff employed at the college. This total included 38 management staff, 85 student and academic affairs staff, 32 service/maintenance staff, 127 office and admin support staff, and 1,014 faculty/instructors (245 full-time faculty and 769 part-time instructors).

Foundation

Established in 1994, the mission of the Front Range Community College Foundation Transforming lives by inspiring others to invest in the success of Front Range Community College. Annually the FRCC Foundation awards nearly \$500,000 in scholarship assistance.

Degrees/Certificates

Postsecondary students may earn a certificate or an associate degree from FRCC. In AY15, there were 27 fields of study offered for associate degree programs, 14 degrees with designation, 19 areas of concentration, and 110 certificates offered at the postsecondary level. Additionally, the secondary program at the Larimer Campus offered certificates in 8 programs.

In AY15, there were 2,794 postsecondary certificates and 1,728 degrees conferred. The most popular certificates were the Welding, Nurse Aide, and Automotive Technology certificates. The most popular degrees were the liberal arts transfer degrees (AA/AS) and Nursing. The Larimer secondary program had 282 completers.

Operating Budget

The total FY15 expenditures were \$83,134,534. Fifty-three percent of the budget was expended on instruction (\$43,971,051). Twenty-one percent goes to academic support, student services and scholarships. The remaining twenty-six percent goes to public service, institutional support, plant operation and maintenance and transfers.

Special Projects in Institutional Research:

- Improved COF processes for:
 - Institutional Waivers
 - Student and staff communications for problem resolution
 - Presented these improvements at the Banner Rocky Mountain Users' Group
- Developed database to track college wide staffing pattern for Budgets office
- Attended annual Association for Institutional Research (AIR) forum in Denver
- Improved weekly Enrollment Report to be more efficient and provide improved reporting
- Prepared early assessment of the new Dev Ed pathways with the Developmental Education Taskforce.
- Compared the success rates (retention, graduation, and transfer) of new first time students who have risk factors (minority, first generation, Pell recipient). This report indicated that students with at least one risk factor have higher retention rates, equal graduation rates, and lower transfer rates than those with no risk factor.
- Collaborated with the geoscience department at CSU to compare pass rates at FRCC's Larimer campus and at CSU in specific science courses. Larimer FRCC students had higher pass rates in three courses, lower pass rates in two courses.
- Replicated a National Student Clearinghouse report tracking students for six years after their initial college term to see how many graduate in their transferring institution. 31% of all (not just first time) fall 2008 students graduated at FRCC in the next six years, while an additional 16% graduated at a transfer school for a 47% 6-year graduation rate.