



## Vision Statement

Our vision is to provide a high-quality, seamless experience for students shared by the Community College of Denver (CCD) and Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver). To realize this vision, we will establish a transformative partnership between CCD and MSU Denver that is both an extension of best practices for public institutions across the country and an implementation of the vision that created our Auraria campus. The state of Colorado strategically placed the Community College of Denver and Metropolitan State University of Denver on the same physical campus to create a shared community. This shared

space and mission alignment allows our institutions to focus on efficiently delivering academic excellence and student support services, from non-credit offerings through bachelor's degrees and beyond, that align to the labor market needs of our community. Our partnership aims to break down barriers to higher education and to empower students from diverse backgrounds to transition seamlessly between CCD and MSU Denver. Our joint goal is to foster a culture of academic excellence, inclusivity, and opportunity for Colorado students seeking economic mobility through higher education.



## THROUGH THIS INNOVATIVE COLLABORATION, WE ENVISION:

### 1. **Streamlined Transfer Pathways:**

Developing clear and accessible pathways that guide CCD students towards a smooth transition to MSU Denver, ensuring that credits earned at CCD align seamlessly with MSU Denver's programs and degree requirements resulting in no loss of credit for students who remain on their degree path.

### 2. **Cross Institutional Enrollment:**

Building on our long-time ties through an inter-institutional agreement, CCD and MSU Denver will work to develop programs that better allow students to take courses at both institutions simultaneously and seamlessly.

### 3. **Holistic Student Support:**

Providing comprehensive support services to help students successfully navigate the transfer process, including academic advising, mentoring, career counseling, and financial aid assistance to ensure their academic and personal growth.

### 4. **Enhanced Academic Partnerships:**

Cultivating strong academic partnerships between faculty and staff at CCD and MSU Denver, fostering collaboration in curriculum development aligned to dynamic labor market needs, student engagement initiatives, and research opportunities, enriching the educational experience for all students.

### 5. **Diversity and Inclusion:**

Leveraging our Hispanic Serving Institution designations to celebrate and embrace our diverse student body by enhancing the welcoming and inclusive learning environment at both institutions with systems, data sharing, and institutional processes that are user-friendly and student centered.

### 6. **Continuous Improvement and Innovation:**

Committing to ongoing assessment and evaluation of the transfer partnership to identify areas for improvement and innovation, ensuring that we adapt to the evolving needs of our students and communities.

By embracing this shared commitment to collaboration and partnership, we aspire to empower our students to achieve their academic and professional goals, enriching their lives and their communities. Together, CCD and MSU Denver will serve as a beacon of excellence in higher education, driving positive change and transformation for generations to come.

