

# FACT SHEET

## FEBRUARY 2024



The Community College of Aurora (CCA) is a two-year public, open access institution in Aurora, Colorado and is one of 13 community colleges in the Colorado Community College System. The school of choice for 11,129 students representing over 60 countries, CCA's service area includes nearly 689,400 residents in Arapahoe, Adams, and Denver counties, and its student population reflects the broad diversity of this area. The college offers 72 degrees and certificate programs for students seeking to enhance their current skill set, pursue employment, or transfer to a four-year college or university upon graduation.

**FOUNDED**  
1983

### CAMPUS ADDRESSES

**CentreTech Campus**  
16000 East CentreTech Parkway Aurora, CO 80011  
Campus Size: 33 acres

**Lowry Campus**  
710 Alton Way  
Denver, CO 80230  
Campus Size: 156 acres

**PRESIDENT**  
Dr. Mordecai Brownlee

**MASCOT**  
Red Fox

### ACCREDITATION

CCA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) which accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the United States.

### VISION

We aspire to be the college where every student succeeds.

### MISSION

CCA serves our diverse community by providing high-quality instruction and support services to prepare students for transfer and employment.

### VALUES

Respect, Collaboration, Quality, Access, Diversity, Inclusion

### INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

Career and Transfer Readiness, Communication, Critical Thinking, Cultural Competence

### INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

CCA is a community committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We can only achieve this together.

### HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION

CCA has Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) status from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), which is awarded to institutions with at least 25 percent Hispanic student enrollment.

### MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION

Approximately 67 percent of CCA's students are students of color.

## ENROLLMENT FOR AY 2022-2023 (HEAD COUNT)

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Total                          | 11,129 |
| College Students               | 4,876  |
| Concurrent Enrollment Students | 6,253  |
| Female                         | 57.9%  |
| Male                           | 42.1%  |

*\*Concurrent Enrollment allows qualified high school students to obtain both high school and college level credit from the same course.*

## CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

CCA serve 6,253 concurrent enrollment students annually through active partnerships with around 59 high schools, including public and charter schools. The three major school districts we serve are below.

- Aurora Public Schools
- Cherry Creek School District
- Denver Public Schools

## DIVERSITY FOR AY 2022-2023

CCA students come from five continents and more than 60 countries.

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| African American               | 20.4% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 1.3%  |
| Asian or Pacific Islander      | 9.4%  |
| Hispanic - Other               | 36.1% |
| White Non-Hispanic             | 28.4% |
| Unknown/Not Reported           | 4.4%  |

## AVERAGE CLASS SIZE FOR AY 2022-2023

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Number of Classes  | 2,717 |
| Average Class Size | 13.9  |

## FACULTY/INSTRUCTORS

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Full-Time Faculty           | 59   |
| Instructors                 | 151  |
| Student to Instructor Ratio | 13:1 |

## SCHOLARSHIPS

CCA and the CCA Foundation provide over \$887,000 a year in scholarships. Provided on a first-come, first-served basis, the college's Institutional Scholarships can be applied for on-line and target specific populations of students. The CCA Foundation uses one on-line application for its more than 70 scholarship programs. First-year students, returning students, students from every career pathway – there is a scholarship for you. Have questions?

Contact: [scholarships.cca@ccaaurora.edu](mailto:scholarships.cca@ccaaurora.edu)  
Scholarship application: [ccaaurora.edu/scholarships](http://ccaaurora.edu/scholarships)

## OUTCOMES FOR RETENTION AND COMPLETION

- Retention: Approximately 55% of Fall 2022 students retained in Fall 2023 or graduated before Fall 2023. See the [Retention Dashboard](#) for more information by student population.
- Completion: in AY2023, 924 students graduated, earning 1,013 degrees and certificates. More information is available in the [Degrees and Certificates Awarded Dashboard](#).

## OUTCOMES FOR TRANSFER: TOP FOUR-YEAR TRANSFER SCHOOLS FOR CCA STUDENTS

- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- University of Colorado - Denver
- Colorado State University
- University of Colorado - Boulder
- University of Northern Colorado

## OUTCOMES FOR 2022 GRADUATES

- 96.1% percent of 2022 CCA Graduate Survey respondents had some level of agreement that CCA helped them meet their education goals.<sup>1</sup>
- 93.8% percent of 2022 CCA Graduate Survey respondents had agreed that CCA provided them with a welcoming and inclusive environment.<sup>2</sup>

*1, 2 Source: 2023 VE-135 Graduate Follow-up Survey (2021-2022 Graduates)*

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CCA offers 47 associate degrees and 25 certificates. Of the associate degrees, 18 are degrees with designation that allow students to transfer to a public Colorado college or university as a junior in that field.

## GUIDED PATHWAYS

Guided Pathways is a framework to work with students via specific goal-planning and holistic services to increase retention, persistence, and completion.

- Communication and Languages
- Creative Industries
- Health
- People, Societies and Ideas
- Professional Studies and Public Service
- Science, Technology Engineering and Math

## COST OF TUITION PER 3-CREDIT COURSE FOR 2023-2024

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| In State     | \$492.6*  |
| Out of State | \$2,021.7 |

*\*Tuition cost after Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) is applied. Colorado residents are eligible for COF which deducts \$348 per 3-credit course.*