SOE Continuous Enrollment Policy

Per Colorado State University policy, all admitted graduate students are required to be continuously registered from the time of first enrollment through the graduation term (see Graduate and Professional Bulletin, section E.1.13). Students must be registered in credit bearing coursework or Continuous Registration (CR) each fall and spring semester. Students are required to maintain registration in the semester they graduate, including the summer semester. In addition to these requirements, the School of Education has implemented an additional enrollment policy.

Doctoral students in the School of Education are required to enroll in credit-bearing coursework until their degree is completed. Registration is required during the summer semester if the student is using advisor resources. Registration in a credit-bearing course, EDCL/EDOD/EDRM 792A or EDCL/EDOD/EDRM 799, is required each semester until the dissertation has been defended, the final dissertation submitted and accepted by the CSU Graduate School, and all departmental graduation requirements are met.

Students may enroll for Continuous Registration (CR) during their graduation semester only if all graduation requirements have been cleared during a previous semester. For example, if a student’s defense occurs after the posted semester deadline, graduation will occur the following semester. In this case, the student will be permitted to register for CR as long as the final dissertation has been submitted and accepted by the CSU Graduate School and all other graduation requirements are cleared prior to the graduation semester.

Except during the graduation semester, enrolling for CR is highly discouraged and in some cases prohibited. Prior to enrolling in CR, the student must meet with his/her advisor to determine if CR is appropriate, and if approved, develop a degree completion plan. The School of Education will track all students’ CR registrations. Except in extenuating circumstances, a maximum of two semesters of CR registration will be allowed during a program of study. Only in extenuating circumstances that prevent degree progression, will students be allowed to enroll in CR for more than two semesters. In such cases, CR enrollment must be approved by the student’s advisor/committee chair and the Graduate Studies Committee or the Director of the School of Education.

Enrollment in CR beyond the allowed two semesters may be deemed as failure to make satisfactory degree progress. When a student’s graduate advisory committee finds that a student is making unsatisfactory progress toward degree completion and satisfactory progress cannot be anticipated, the student and committee must create a progress plan and determine an appropriate timeline. If adequate progress is not made at the end of the timeline, the committee may recommend dismissal from the program and Colorado State University.

Degree progress will be reviewed by students’ graduate advisory committees each semester. All aspects of academic performance will be taken into account, not necessarily coursework alone. In accordance with Graduate School policies, all degree requirements must be completed within ten years (see Graduate and Professional Bulletin, section E.1.12).