

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, Graduate Enrollment Requirement section*). 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.

CSU Graduate School policy requires master's and doctoral students enrolling in their first, fourth, and eighth semesters of CR to submit a [CR Student Plan for Degree Completion](#). This plan should state the student's intention and progress toward degree completion with academic expectations and timelines. The goal of this plan is to ensure a student and their advisory committee agree on a path that will support the student's satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Approved degree completion plans will be signed by the advisor and kept in the student's file.

Graduate School policy limits students to a maximum of 10 semesters total of Continuous Registration. A registration hold will be placed on a student with more than 10 semesters of CR. For the full Graduate School Continuous Enrollment policy, please refer to the *Graduate and Professional Bulletin, Continuous Enrollment section*. Please note: This policy governs master's students in the School of Education.

***The School of Education has a separate continuous enrollment policy for doctoral students. Please see below for additional details.**

SOE Doctoral Student Continuous Enrollment Requirements

The availability of the CR option does not supersede any other registration requirements to which students may be subject at the University, Department, or Program level. In addition to the Graduate School CR option, the School of Education has implemented the following continuous enrollment policy for doctoral students.

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 EDHE/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.

School of Education doctoral students are limited to two semesters of Continuous Registration enrollment. Enrollment in CR is highly discouraged. Students must gain advisor approval before enrolling in CR, and advisors will be notified of all CR enrollments. 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 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 not making satisfactory progress toward degree completion and satisfactory progress cannot be anticipated, the student and committee must create a degree completion 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 School of Education 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*).

Continuous Enrollment for the Graduating Semester

As noted above, per Graduate School policy, students are required to be enrolled the semester they graduate, including summer. Students may petition to the Graduate School to have the requirement for continuous enrollment waived *only if all graduation requirements have been cleared during the semester prior to graduation*. If the petition is not granted, then the student must register for either at least one dissertation credit or Continuous Registration (CR).