



Major Initiatives – Spring 2022

COVID-19 updates

Trinidad State is offering a comprehensive on-campus experience this spring, including in-person classes, open residence halls, athletics, student clubs, and activities. Academic courses are a mix of in-person, online, and hybrid. Masks are required in public indoor facilities. COVID vaccines are required for residence hall students and athletes.

New and Growing Programs Supporting Trinidad and San Luis Valley Economic Development

Nursing and Teacher Education

Trinidad State College continues to expand its Nursing (PN, RN, BSN) and Teacher Education programs on both the Trinidad and Valley campuses. For Spring 2022, TSC has 130 nursing students, our highest number of students ever. T-Prep, via our partnership with CU-Denver, has 45 students pursuing their BA in Teacher Education.

Building Trades

With \$1.66 million from the Colorado Attorney General's office, TSC has launched a Construction Trades program to help revitalize housing and economic development in Trinidad and surrounding areas. Through the COPERR (Colorado Partnership for Education & Rural Revitalization) program, we have trained 39 students thus far. Students attend class in the mornings and work on the job site remodeling dilapidated houses in the afternoon for four weeks, receiving a stipend for their time working. At the end of the program, students leave with a set of basic tools and an industry-recognized certification. Students enter the workforce at an entry level for local contractors in our community.

Developing the Outdoor Economy

Working with industry partners, Trinidad State has launched a Trail Management & Construction program that prepares students to work in the design, construction, and management of trails in a variety of outdoor settings. TSC's service area is home to a vast array of public lands, including a National Park (Great Sand Dunes), several state parks (including Fishers Peak), National Grasslands, wildlife areas, and city park/trail systems. We worked with the national Professional Trail Builders Association to create this industry recognized certification for entry level jobs in our growing Outdoor Recreation economies..

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Performing Arts

Corazon de Trinidad (Heart of Trinidad) is one of 23 recognized Creative Districts in Colorado. With an influx of artists, demand for gallery space, presence of museums (A.R. Mitchell, Art Cartopia), the Fox West Theatre, and festivals such as Trinidaddio - a renewed sense of excitement surrounds our community. Trinidad State is supporting economic growth in creative industries by investing in our Arts programming and Massari theatre venue. New faculty positions in Art and Technical Theatre are driving this development. With \$400,000 in funding from Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the TSC Foundation, we are upgrading the technical infrastructure of the college's 250-seat Massari Theatre and expanding opportunities for arts, education, and culture in the region. TSC will be offering five full-time scholarships in Art, Theatre, and Technical Theatre next fall. Application opens January 10 at <https://trinidadstate.edu/arts>

Business, IT, Entrepreneurship, and eSports

Trinidad State is building and expanding its Business, Information Technology, and Entrepreneurship programs through a variety of partnerships and funding sources. With a \$1 million grant from the Outcalt Foundation of the San Luis Valley, our Valley Campus is leading this work. Programs in Unmanned Aircraft (drones), Computer Information Systems, and Cybersecurity will support industry needs for agriculture, tourism, and small businesses in the Valley and Trinidad service areas.

To complement these programs, TSC is the first community college in Colorado to engage in competitive eSports. Trojan eSports athletes are invited to play in TSC's brand new state-of-the-art gaming arena. Through eSports, students who may not have considered a career in technology can gain considerable technology acumen, thus enhancing digital literacy throughout the San Luis Valley (SLV).

Offender Education through Second Chance Pell

Trinidad State was selected by the U.S. Department of Education as the only college in Colorado to offer Second Chance Pell grants to offender students in prisons throughout the state. Building on our long-standing work with the Trinidad Correctional Facility, TSC is expanding our work with the Colorado Department of Corrections to offer general education courses in addition to Entrepreneurship and Human Services certificate programs. This fall, we are serving 74 students in 14 facilities around the state.