

Frequently Asked Questions – Trail Management & Construction

What can you tell me about this program?

This is a new program, which will eventually lead to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Trail Management and Construction. Currently students may earn the Level I certificate by taking the courses offered in the spring and fall of 2021. This is an integrated program covering planning, design, construction, and maintenance of sustainable trails in a wide variety of terrains and ecosystems. Crew leadership, safety, project supervision, and contracting considerations are included in Level III along with heavy equipment operations and mechanized trail construction methods.

Can I take individual classes or do I have to take them all?

You may take individual classes. In many instances, students may already have a degree or may have experience with trail building. If your goal is to work toward the degree, but you have prior education or experience, please contact our Registrar, Christy Holden, to discuss prior learning assessment. If you have taken the general education courses required for the AAS degree, you may also have your transcripts sent to Trinidad State for review. christy.holden@trinidadstate.edu, 719-846-5550, or 1-800-621-8752 ext. 5550. <https://trinidadstate.edu/pla/index.html>

Some courses may have pre-requisite requirements.

How much do the classes cost?

Most courses are two credit hours. Current tuition rates are available at https://trinidadstate.edu/tuition/pdf/tc_tuition.pdf. There is an additional \$50 fee per class for this program. Tuition rates are updated beginning with the fall semester each year. Please note that the in-state rates shown on the tuition sheet assume that the COF stipend has been applied. If you do not qualify for COF, your rates will be higher (as of 2-10-21 the stipend is \$40 per credit hour)

College Opportunity Fund (COF): COF provides a stipend toward the tuition of eligible undergraduate students who are residents of the State of Colorado. The stipend pays a portion of your total in-state tuition when you attend a participating college. Eligible undergraduate students must apply, be admitted and enroll in classes at a participating college to receive this benefit. Both new and continuing students are eligible for the stipend. Qualifying students may use the stipend for eligible undergraduate classes. The stipend is paid on a per credit hour basis directly to the college at which the student is enrolled. The credit-hour amount is set annually by the General Assembly. <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

New Mexico Reciprocity: An agreement between the states of Colorado and New Mexico allows students from New Mexico to pay the same tuition a Colorado resident would pay. An application to request New Mexico reciprocity rates is available at https://trinidadstatejuniorcollege-ybqqz.formstack.com/forms/new_mexico_reciprocity.

Western Undergraduate Exchange: WUE is a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through WUE, students in many western states may enroll in many two-year and four-year college programs at a reduced tuition level-150 percent of

the institution's regular resident tuition. WUE's tuition is considerably less than non-resident tuition.

To be eligible for WUE, a student must be, and remain, a resident of one of the participating states / U.S. Territories: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, or Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

To qualify, a WUE application form must be submitted no later than 30 days from the beginning of each term in which you are enrolling. Applications may be submitted at https://trinidadstatejuniorcollege-ybqqz.formstack.com/forms/wiche_wue_program.

VA Benefits: Classes may be eligible for payment using the GI Bill or Vocational Rehab. Wilma Atencio, Director Financial Aid, at 719-846-5555 or wilma.atencio@trinidadstate.edu. Information on how to use your veteran's benefits is also available on our website at <http://trinidadstate.edu/fia/va-benefits.html>

Financial Aid: Courses may also be eligible for financial aid assistance depending on each student's individual circumstances. Additional information is available at <http://trinidadstate.edu/fia/index.html> or you may contact the financial aid staff concerning your individual case. Call 719-846-5017 or 1-800-621-8752 ext. 5017 for assistance.

How do I get started?

Students should apply for admission to Trinidad State prior to registering for classes. <http://trinidadstate.edu/apply/index.html> When prompted to choose a certificate/degree program, please choose AAS in Applied Technology. Once you have registered, contact Donna Haddow to register for the specific courses you would like to take. donna.haddow@trinidadstate.edu, 719-846-5724, or 1-800-621-8752 ext. 5724

Are lodging and food available?

Additional information regarding lodging and meals is available at <https://visittrinidadcolorado.com/>

On-campus housing may available depending on occupancy by our full-time students. Rooms must be reserved no later than two weeks before your class. Fee is \$120 per week (Sunday afternoon check-in and, checkout the Saturday morning following your class. HOUSING MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE DEPENDING ON THE COVID SITUATION.

A limited number of campsites have been reserved at Trinidad Lake State Park at a rate of \$36 per night plus the daily parks pass fee of \$9 per vehicle. To reserve a spot, call 719-846-6951 and ask for Crystal Dreiling.

Cafeteria services are available on campus during regular semesters. Meals may be purchased on a meal-by-meal basis or you may purchase a 5-meal ticket for \$37.50 or a 10-meal ticket for \$67.00 to see the daily menu visit: <https://trinidadstate.sodexomyway.com/dining-near-me/open-now> (prices are subject to change and services may be decreased due to COVID)

Where is Trinidad and how do I get there?

Location: Trinidad is located 200 miles south of Denver and 120 miles south of Colorado Springs, Colorado on Interstate 25. We are about 170 miles north of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The nearest major airport is in Colorado Springs, but you may find cheaper flights in and out of Denver International Airport.

Contact Donna Haddow with any additional questions
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