

Red Rocks Community College

Enrollment Services Operational Guidelines

Title: College Gateway Program
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Reference: <http://www.rccc.edu/gateway/index.html>
<http://highered.colorado.gov/Finance/Residency/guidelines.html#5>

Purpose: To define guidelines governing the College Gateway Program

Scope: Applies to College Gateway students and ex-offenders

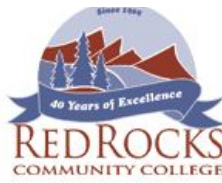
Attachment: Education Release; Financial Aid Info; Student Data Sheet; Gateway Guidelines

College Gateway Program

The College Gateway Program is a curriculum and support system that encourages students to use their skills and abilities in new ways, so they can become successful contributors to family and community. However, College Gateway is about more than academics. Personal attention is provided to students while combining traditional coursework with other life skills. Through mentoring, technical assistance, and other resources, students are assisted in making positive changes in all areas of their lives. Perhaps most importantly, College Gateway is a family. Participants enjoy fun activities such as picnics, holiday dinners, and clubs. Staff and students in the program truly care for one another, providing an on-going support system that encourages and celebrates each participant's success.

Ex-Offender Residency

- It is possible for a person to establish a Colorado domicile for tuition classification purposes while she/he is an inmate in a Colorado institution.
- The Letter of Incarceration and/or Parole/Probation required for admission to the College Gateway program is acceptable as evidence of domicile in Colorado.
- The Residency Assistant/College Gateway Admissions Liaison will classify a College Gateway student as a resident of Colorado upon the receipt of a College Gateway-authorized registration form accompanied by the student's Colorado ID.
- The fact that an inmate may maintain another "home and place of habitation" in another state does not prevent recognition of his/her Colorado place of habitation, although it may be found to have a bearing on the question of intent.
- Proof of intent is more difficult since the factors commonly relied upon as evidence of domiciliary intent such as car registration, voting registration, income tax payment, etc. are frequently unavailable. Often the only evidence of intent to remain in Colorado is the inmate's own statement of that intent. Unless there is evidence to contradict such a statement, it will be credited by the registering authority.
- The one year waiting requirement and the principles of derivative domicile apply where the person seeking in-state status is under the age of 22.



Gateway Student Responsibilities

- Provide a Letter of Incarceration or a copy of parole or probation requirements, including parole/probation officer's contact information.
- Attend classes on a regular basis and do the required class and homework assignments
- Remain in good academic standing (2.0 or better). If a student receives a grade below a C, that student may be dropped from the program and required to re-apply at a later date.
- All schedule changes must be initiated with College Gateway personnel, and then submitted to the College Gateway Admissions Liaison for processing.
- If the student fails to attend classes, with no communication with the College Gateway staff, or does not withdraw or drop from that class, he/she will receive an F and a bill for the class.
- If a student does not properly drop from a class by the published drop date, the student will be responsible for all tuition and fees for that class.
- Uphold all student obligations, especially Student Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity as outlined in the current RRCC Student Handbook and College Catalog.
- All contact information must be kept current with both the College Gateway office and the College Gateway Admissions Liaison.
- If a College Gateway student takes or accepts any student loans, he/she will be released from the College Gateway Program.