

**2022 Colorado Community College System Strategic Risks  
Mapped to Strategic Plan Key Performance Measures**

*Transform the Student Experience*

*Risks*

Strat Plan Mapping

**Relevant Programs of Study**

▶ Risk of barriers hindering the agility required to meet the growing demands of students, communities, and partners	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
▶ Risk of subpar improvement in student outcomes impacting the perception of prospective students, industry partners, policy-makers, and taxpayers	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
▶ Risk of underutilization of institutional research and data analytics to improve student success due to lack of consistency in data and underdeveloped data analytics tools	6, 7, 16

**Safety & Security**

▶ Risk of inability to assure our students, staff and public that CCCS is safe and prepared for an emergency	Risk Mitigation Plan
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**Financial Aid**

▶ Risk of declining availability	Risk Mitigation Plan
▶ Lack of capacity to meet increasing regulations	Risk Mitigation Plan

*Transform our own Workforce Experience*

*Risks*

**Staffing Levels**

▶ Risk that current staffing levels will not support the increasing demands of the volume of work and that the System will not have the financial capacity to staff appropriately or be proactive ^	1, 2, 12,17
▶ Risk of inability to compensate for staff who exit our workforce for retirement or other opportunities	10, 12
▶ Risk of underdevelopment of knowledge, skills and abilities of current workforce to meet changing demands	9, 10, 11

**Pay & Benefits**

▶ Risk of insufficient pay and benefit packages to retain well-trained and high performing employees and attract quality applicants, including diverse applicants, due to a tight labor market and competition with private sector and other institutions of higher education * ^	1, 2, 8, 12,17
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*Create Education without Barriers through Transformational Partnerships*

**Risks**

**Effective Partnerships**

▶ Inability to develop effective partnerships, including Concurrent Enrollment agreements, with business, K-12, community organizations, policy-makers and other higher education institutions	13, 14
▶ Risk of inability to adapt to and embrace new and progressive delivery methods	5, 6, 7
▶ Lack of success in securing grants and private funding	17

**Relevant Programs of Study**

▶ Risk of noncompliance with program and other regulatory requirements, that are increasingly unfunded, such as: US Department of Education Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act Americans with Disabilities Act and Accessibility requirements Higher Learning Commission requirements	Risk Mitigation Plan Risk Mitigation Plan Risk Mitigation Plan Risk Mitigation Plan
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*Redefine our Value Proposition through Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development, and Operational Excellence*

**Risks**

**Failure to adapt to the Changing Higher Education Model**

▶ Risk of the ability to sustain and implement key initiatives like Colorado Online, Colorado Skills Institute, Rural College Consortium etc. given the many changes and uncertainties in the post-pandemic world including changes to student and employee demographics and expectations * ^	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10
▶ Risk of insufficient and variable state and tuition funds to fulfill and sustain our mission ^	1, 2, 17, 18
▶ Risk of inability to meet expectations of policy-makers around Concurrent Enrollment, one-time funding, and education policies and unintended consequences of legislation *	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
▶ Risk of inability to manage enrollment, increase application yields, and predict and strategically compensate for dramatic enrollment variances ^	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
▶ Difficulty sustaining effective operations in a time of instability and ongoing change related to external challenges such as COVID, social unrest, climate change, etc. coupled with a decline in public confidence in higher education * ^	2, 3, 7, 18
▶ Risk of resource limitations, organizational structures and cultures affecting our ability to effectively design, deliver and maintain programs through multiple modalities that meet changing employer and student needs and preferences * ^	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
▶ Risk of inadequate investment in appropriate physical and technological resources to meet future needs	17, 18
▶ Increased difficulty sustaining enrollment and remaining competitive with other public and private higher education institutions, particularly online, and in the job market * ^	18
▶ Lack of social, emotional, and mental health support affecting student completion, retention and safety	1, 2, 3, 14

**Information Security**

▶ Risk of vulnerability resulting in exposure of personally identifiable information	Risk Mitigation Plan
▶ Risk of cybersecurity attacks (e.g. ransomware, denial of service, phishing)	Risk Mitigation Plan

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<span style="background-color: #e1eef6; border: 1px solid #000; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span>	-- Risks addressed through strategic plan process
<span style="background-color: #fce4d6; border: 1px solid #000; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span>	-- Risks need continued monitoring outside the strategic plan process
<sup>^</sup>	-- Top Risk
*	-- Risk updated or added in FY 2022