

Offering Continuing Education Units to Educators

Guide for Colorado Businesses and Industry

This document provides guidance to Colorado businesses, industry leaders, sector partnerships, and other community partners interested in working with their local school districts to offer continuing education units (CEUs) to educators.

Why should businesses offer CEUs?

Colorado has a shortage of skilled workers and preparing today's students for in-demand careers requires new levels of training for educators. Offering educators the opportunity to learn more about business and industry exposes them to workforce needs and allows them to experience career connected learning firsthand. As a result, educators will be better equipped to promote career opportunities and ensure students develop the skills they need to succeed in the workforce, which supports businesses' goal of building a pipeline of quality talent.

What are CEUs?

CEU stands for Continuing Education Unit. Educators must complete a minimum amount of CEUs and/or professional development training to maintain their educator licensing. In Colorado, educators are encouraged to complete continuing education programs to become better educators as they renew their licenses.

How can businesses offer CEUs for educators?

Businesses can partner with educators to offer industry-tours, project-based learning opportunities, externships, and more. After your event you can provide a [certificate recognizing CEU completion](#) to participating educators. Below are some examples of successful CEU programs in Colorado:

Bioscience Externship: Teachers spend 130 hours with a STEM company during a four-week summer program to learn about the latest research and development in Colorado's growing STEM industries.

Cybersecurity Bootcamps: A summer bootcamp for teachers that provides cybersecurity education including hands-on training related to network security, applied cryptography, and more.

Weld County Oil and Gas Tours: Five oil and gas operators offer workshops designed to give teachers an in-depth understanding of the industrial process.

Interested? [Learn more about the specifics of offering a continuing education program.](#)