

Education

Post Secondary

San Juan Basin Technical College

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Located on Highway 160, eight miles east of Cortez, Colorado, the main campus is composed of 70,000 square feet of building space, including fully equipped shops, laboratories and classrooms for each program. Classes are held on the main campus as well as in leased facilities in Durango and several high schools, fire departments, clinics and hospitals in the area.

The operation of San Juan Basin Technical College is approved and/or accredited by: the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Colorado State Approving Agency for Veterans Education Benefits, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Social Security, and the Workforce Investment Act through the Southwest Colorado Workforce Board.

San Juan Technical College here in Cortez would be happy to work with the company to build certification courses to specifically meet the needs of the company. Currently there is a program in place for certification in egg management. It may be possible that the knowledge requirements from that program may be compatible with the need for quality assurance personnel for this company. In addition, Pueblo Community College's southwestern branch currently has programs in nursing and could provide training for any basic laboratory skills. Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado is forty-two miles east of Cortez and has a full slate of undergraduate courses in the sciences, and as well as access to PhDs. The State of Colorado has a program called Colorado First which helps pay for training programs. Those funds could possibly be used to offset the cost of any program developed for the company by the technical school. To qualify, average wages must be at least \$7.00 per hour. To qualify the grant funded training must be customized to meet the company's specific needs. The applicant company must pay for a minimum of 405% of the total training costs.

Pueblo Community College

Cortez Campus

970-565-7496

2208 E. Main Street

Cortez, CO. 81321

For 72 years, Pueblo Community College (PCC) has provided the education and training that gives our students the skills they need to qualify for good jobs or to transfer to a four-year school. We are a two-year community college accredited by The Higher Learning Commission - a member of the North Central Association - and we are a member of the Colorado Community College System, the fastest-growing educational system in Colorado.

We offer more than 50 certificate and Associate Degree programs, and we are a state leader in health care education. The job-placement rate for graduates of our Health Professions programs is virtually 100%, and many are hired before they even graduate. In January, 2006, we launched a new Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. We also have new academic programs in Education and Social Work.

Fort Lewis College
877-352-2656
1000 Rim Drive
Durango, CO. 81301

Fort Lewis College offers accessible, high quality, baccalaureate liberal arts education to a diverse student population, preparing citizens for the common good in an increasingly complex world. **Program accreditations:** Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, American Chemical Society, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, National Association of Schools of Music. **Number of majors, minors, certificates, & special academic programs:** 96. **Most popular majors for 06-07 graduates:** Business Administration, Interdisciplinary Studies, Exercise Science, English, Psychology.

Local School Districts:

Cortez School District RE-1

The student body represents the rich diversity of our area. We have students whose great-grandparents homesteaded in the McElmo Canyon, in Pleasant View, and in other areas throughout the county. Other students have the rich cultural background of our Native American tribes: the Ute Mountain Ute, Southern Ute, Navajo, Northern Ute, Apache, Hopi, and others. Additionally, we have strong representation from our Hispanic community in all of our schools. Each year the district's Parent Committee hosts the SUN (Spanish, Ute, Navajo) Conference. The SUN Conference is regularly attended by parents and educators from throughout southern Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

Mancos School District

Mancos School District RE-6, nestled at the gateway to Mesa Verde, and in the heart of the beautiful Mancos Valley, reflects a unique combination of rural, small town values, and the dedication of highly qualified teachers and staff committed to providing all students the skills to thrive in the 21st Century. The enviable class sizes and student to teacher ratio of 15 to 1 provides opportunity for every child's needs to be identified and met, and every child's dreams supported. Our rigorous curriculum is supported by relevant learning experiences, highly qualified instructors and support staff as well as a caring community dedicated to all students.

Dolores School District RE-4A

All schools in Colorado receive a rating from the state. These ratings range from Excellent to High, Average, Low and Unsatisfactory. Dolores schools have traditionally been rated as Average, but that has changed. This year, our high school is rated as "**High**". Our middle school retains its Average rating, but the school showed significant improvement in academics. The elementary is also rated Average and its academic growth is rated as stable. Congratulations to the students, staff and parents of Dolores High School on their academic achievement. I am confident that in the coming years all our schools will be recognized with this distinction.