

College of Performing & Visual Arts

School of Theatre Arts & Dance

DNCE 508-Professional Development for Dance Educators

Colorado Dance Education Organization (CoDEO) Annual Conference

held in person January 17 & 18, 2026



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Extended Campus

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Dates: January 17 & 18, 2026

Course Credit: 1 graduate credit for two-day attendance

Location: Conference will be held in person at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main Street, Pueblo, CO. 81003

Registration:

Contact Sandra Minton at sandra.minton@unco.edu about information concerning questions about receiving graduate credit for attending the CoDEO conference.

Deadlines:

Add Deadline: 3/27/26

Drop Deadline: 3/30/26

Withdraw Deadline: 3/31/26

Course Description:

DNCE 508 is provided by the Extended Studies Division of the University of Northern Colorado as a professional development opportunity for dance educators and other types of educators.

Professional development opportunities are provided by attendance at the in-person Colorado Dance Education Organization (CoDEO) Conference, an annual event. The goal of attendance at

the CoDEO conference is to provide opportunities for dance teachers to update skills and knowledge in terms of dance education and movement-based content and curricula. This course will require educators to attend the annual CoDEO conference sessions designed specifically for movement and dance teachers and the dance performances presented during the conference.

Those receiving UNC credit will also be expected to attend the performance on day one and closing performance at the end of the second day. The monitor or presenters for each session will sign the educator attendance sheet as evidence of attending a session or performance. This sheet will be copied by attendees and emailed to the instructor of record, along with other course papers or required documents.

Objectives:

Following the conclusion of the conference, participants will write a short paper that includes the following content:

1. In general, propose how you plan to integrate the knowledge gained at the annual CoDEO conference with your current classroom practices.
2. Describe a specific lesson example of how knowledge gained at the annual conference has been integrated or will be integrated into your current classroom practices.
3. Explain how you will share knowledge gained at the conference with colleagues or fellow teachers.

Course Requirements:

1. Attend two full days of the annual CoDEO Conference (January 17 & 18, 2026) to receive 1 graduate semester credit. The monitor or presenter for each session will sign the educator attendance sheet as evidence of attending a session or performance. The completed attendance sheet should be scanned and emailed to Sandra Minton at the email address shown below along with other required assignments.
2. Those receiving credit must register on the UNC site for credit by **March 27, 2026** using the following link: https://admissions.unco.edu/register/ndvapp_exc_account_activation.
3. Registration walk through: <https://www.unco.edu/registrar/registration/registration-help.aspx>.
4. E-mail the scanned and signed attendance sheet and completed paper addressing the content described above to Sandra Minton, instructor of record, at sandra.minton@unco.edu by **April 1, 2026**.

Points Possible:

50 points—Attendance at CoDEO Conference for two entire days as attested by the completed attendance sheet.

20 points—Provide a general description of how you propose to integrate knowledge from the conference in your classroom practices.

20 points—Describe a specific lesson example of how knowledge from the conference has been or will be integrated into your classroom practices.

10 points—Explain how you have shared or will share knowledge from the conference with your educator colleagues.

A = 100-95 points; A- = 94-90 points; B+ = 89-87 points; B = 86-83 points; B- = 82-80 points. A score of 79 points or below = a grade of C.

UNC Policies:

UNC's policies and recommendations for academic misconduct will be followed. Consult the student handbook for university policies on student conduct in the classroom and online, cheating, plagiarism, and other academic expectations (<https://www.unco.edu/dean-of-students/>).

Disability Resources:

It is the policy and practice of the University of Northern Colorado to create inclusive learning environments. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that present barriers to your inclusion or to an accurate assessment of your achievement (e.g. time-limited exams, inaccessible web content, use of videos without captions), please communicate this with your professor and contact Disability Support Services (DSS) to request some accommodations. Office 970-351-2289, Michener Library L-80. Students can learn more about the accommodation process at <http://www.unco.edu/disability-support-services/>.

Honor Code:

All members of the University of Northern Colorado community are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold and promote five fundamental values: Honesty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, and Responsibility. These core elements foster an atmosphere, inside and outside of the classroom which serves as a foundation and guides the UNC community's academic, professional, and personal growth. Endorsement of these core elements by students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees strengthens the integrity and value of our academic climate.

Short Term Courses:

Special Term Courses do not meet during a typical semester (begin or end earlier or later). These courses have different add/drop/withdrawal dates. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of these dates. Please refer to "special term/short course deadlines" from this link: <http://www.unco.edu/registrar/current-students/course-add-drop.aspx>, to learn the dates for this course. To drop or withdraw, you must contact the Registrar's Office at 970-352-2231.

Requesting Transcripts:

There are two options for requesting transcripts. For an unofficial transcript click on your Student tab in URSA. Choose “Unofficial transcript” located under the “Grades” heading. For an official transcript, go to <http://www.unco.edu/registrar/etranscripts.aspx>.

Billing:

You will be billed via UNC’s Bear e-mail. You will need to activate the Bear e-mail to access the billing statement. If you prefer to pay earlier via phone, please call 970-351-4862.