Not only does Colorado State University think it's important to teach students the latest in academic research, we also think it's important to take this knowledge beyond the classroom where Colorado citizens can put it to work.

That's where Colorado State University Extension comes in. We're charged with making sure the latest information makes it to businesses, community organizations, backyards and grocery carts. We have off-campus offices located in just about every county in Colorado.

Our goal is to help Coloradoans—urban and rural—improve their quality of life and address critical social and economic issues. To achieve this goal, CSU Extension uses a network of citizens, scientists and educators. This powerful partnership connects University knowledge to Colorado residents.

The need to address consumer and family problems, agricultural and natural resource issues, youth development challenges and community concerns is at the heart of our responsibilities. Extension focuses on programs that continually change to fit the most pressing needs of citizens in their own communities.

Topics where we share our expertise include communities in transition, nutrition and health, food safety, small acreage management, horticulture, natural resources, agriculture, the environment, and family, youth and community issues.

As an employee for Extension, you'll get to use your education, the unbiased, research-based information provided by Extension specialists and the teams you develop in your county, region and the Colorado State University community to make an impact in your community.

With those tools, you'll:

- assess community needs;
- prepare and deliver educational programs targeted to meeting those needs;
- respond to customer requests;
- recruit, train and involve community leaders and volunteers in your programs;
- market programs;
- evaluate program effectiveness;
- develop and maintain good public relations;
- increase professional competence;
- represent Colorado State University Extension.

**Extension brings the University to the people**

“With Extension I can be a pillar of my community, a friend that helps others in need, and the teacher every kid likes. I can’t think of a more satisfying career.”

Eric McPhail
County Director and Extension Agent, Agriculture
Gunnison County
“I love my job! Not everyone gets to say that about how they make a living. I count it as a blessing that I have the privilege to make a difference in the lives of children, teens, families and our communities. The vision and mission of Extension is compatible with those who want to share their gifts and talents in a professional manner.”

Ken Grimes
Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Denver County

To understand your job, it’s helpful to know more about the organization you will join. Extension is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, land-grant universities in every state of the nation, county government and American citizens. We are the largest out-of-school educational system in the world. We provide non-credit education to help people solve their problems.

We’re passionate about our mission

We’re looking for those special people who want to make a difference. Our educational standard is a master’s degree (although some positions require only a bachelor’s degree) in natural resources, applied human sciences, education, agriculture, youth development or related fields.

Colorado State University Extension offers employees:
• paid vacation, holidays and sick leave;
• retirement and long-term disability programs;
• reimbursement for job-related expenses;
• county-supported facilities and operating budgets;
• access to the university library and Internet system;
• university staff member status in your local community.

You’ll also enjoy other, intangible career benefits such as access to the latest distance-learning methods and technologies and the ability to stay at the cutting edge of research in your field.

We hope you’ll consider Extension as the place to bring your enthusiasm and excitement for life and life-long learning as we help others improve their lives.

“It is important to me that my work not only be professionally satisfying, but also make a positive impact on my community. Working with Extension fulfills that goal and also allows me to touch the lives of many people through issues that matter to them. It also gives me the freedom to work with relative independence and autonomy yet have the support of other agents and specialists and expertise and resources available through a land grant university.”

Alison Stoven O’Connor
Extension Agent, Horticulture
Larimer County
CSU Extension is the off-campus, informal-education arm of Colorado State University. We are part of Colorado communities and engage their members to find solutions using the resources and expertise of Colorado State University.

This is the job for you if you want a career that will:

- get you involved with the people in your community;
- help you make a difference;
- use your strong leadership and communication skills;
- allow you to continue learning;
- challenge you to be self motivated, creative and enthusiastic about people, education and life.

Colorado State University and other land-grant universities around the nation are centers of research in youth and family development, community dynamics, consumer information, nutrition, food safety, agriculture, the environment, engineering, forestry, veterinary medicine and many other subjects.

For more information about how you can become part of CSU Extension visit www.ext.colostate.edu.

“Working with people is the best part of CSU Extension! Knowing that I have the ability to positively impact people’s lives and their future through education and a variety of programs is an awesome feeling. My job gives me the opportunity to teach youth and adults and empower them to create stronger families and communities.”

Vanessa Tranel
Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Science
Pueblo County

“CSU Extension is a dynamic and wonderful environment in which to work. I feel so privileged to have a career that is interesting, fun and ultimately helps people. The leadership in Extension and at Colorado State University is supportive of our work and mission. But the best part about my job are the people with whom I am fortunate to work alongside. I learn something new every day and am continually impressed and energized by the talent, knowledge and passion of my friends in Extension.”

Rusty Collins
County Director
Denver and Jefferson Counties

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