

Peter Lindstrom serves as Interim President and Provost of the Community College of Denver (CCD), providing steady leadership grounded in access, equity, and innovation. A member of the CCD community since 2009, Peter brings more than 15 years of experience and a deep understanding of the college's mission to expand opportunity and empower students from all walks of life.

Throughout his tenure, Peter has played a vital role in shaping CCD's academic vision and student success strategies. As Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, he led efforts to strengthen academic excellence, expand industry-aligned programs, and forge partnerships that enhance workforce readiness. His leadership has been instrumental in developing new academic pathways, promoting inclusive teaching practices, and advancing CCD's commitment to affordability and quality education.

Peter's extensive CCD career includes serving as Dean of Instruction for the Arts, Communication & Design; Education; Math, English & the First-Year Experience; and the Center for Math & Science. He also directed the Teaching Learning Center & Online Learning, served as an Instructional Designer, and taught as an Assistant Professor of Developmental English. His breadth of experience gives him a comprehensive view of both the academic and operational sides of community college leadership.

Like many of the students he serves, Peter's own path to education was unconventional. He began as an adjunct instructor while running a small carpentry business, balancing multiple jobs during the Great Recession. The experience reinforced his belief in the transformative power of education to provide stability, dignity, and opportunity, values that continue to guide his leadership today.

A lifelong Coloradan who grew up in Boulder, Peter earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and English Literature from the University of Colorado Boulder and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at Naropa University.

Peter's leadership is shaped by his diverse family background and life experiences, which span cultural, socioeconomic, and faith traditions. These relationships continually inform his commitment to inclusion, empathy, and equity, core principles that define CCD's mission and culture.

As Interim President and Provost, Peter is focused on advancing CCD's proud legacy of affordability, access, and student success. Under his leadership, CCD continues to expand pathways that allow most students to graduate with little to no debt while preparing them to thrive as CityHawk Leaders, graduates who rise, lead, and give back to the communities that shaped them.