



A native of Hillsboro, Oregon, Nick Schuetze serves as a volunteer assistant coach for the UCCS men's cross country program.

Schuetze graduated from the University of Portland in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. He has started his post-graduate education from UP in Health and Physical Education as well as classing from Denver Seminary in Clinical and Mental Health Counseling.

A former high school science and math teacher for nine years in Portland, Oregon, Beaverton, Oregon and Colorado Springs, he currently works for AIA (Athletes in Action) helping runners discover their maximum potential by helping them grow strong physically, mentally, socially/emotionally, and spiritually. For 15 years Schuetze has contributed to or co-directed a cross country training camp for college distance runners called [The Altitude Project](#) in Mammoth Lakes, CA.

As a student-athlete at UP, he was a two-time WCC conference champion in cross country and was honored with the "Most Inspirational" award his senior year. After exhausting his eligibility after his fifth year at UP, he continued to race and train. In 2007 he qualified for the US Men's Olympic Trials marathon where he placed 49th. He also won the NACAC mountain running championship 12k race in 2007.

Schuetze is in his 7<sup>th</sup> year with the Mountain Lions. He continues to train with the teams and helps to form a culture of strong connections between our student athletes.

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